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20 May 1943 – 5 March 1944.

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Maj. Earl J. Cooper

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Poindexter, William H. (Ground Officer)
Pittendreigh, William J. (Ground Officer)
Scholar, Leslie H. (Flying Officer)
Stay, Jessie E. (Flying Officer)
Storm, Alf H. (Flying Officer)
Terhune, Claude M. (Flying Officer)
Watkins, John W. (Flight Surgeon)

FIRST LIEUTENANTS:
Angel, Frank Jr. (Flying Officer)
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Boone, Arthur T. (Flying Officer)
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Bunn, Charles I. (Ground Officer)
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Paul X. Babington

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Sparks, Leo L.
Starr, Edwin
Sutherland, William D.
Tanner, Henry E. Jr.
Thompson, Robert H.
Todisco, Generoso P.
Trojancowski, John S.
Vaass, Stephen W.
Videtic, Adolph
Warner, Edward C.
Wills, Robert L.

CORPORALS:
Augustine, Frank J.
Bartik, Louis E.
Bartoli, Harford J.
Beirng, Edward J.
Berry, Vernon C.
Blanchard, George E.
Bock, Harold T.
Bowen, Richard A. Jr.
Boydston, Virgil T.
Carlson, Robert E.
Clark, Sanford H.
Coates, Warren L.
Cook, William J.
Cox, Charles A.
Crane, James W.
Cutman, John D.
Dunston, Herman L.
Eberlein, Marshall C.
Evans, James D.
Questad, James C.
Riley, Gerald E.
Roberts, Jack D.
Rosenthal, Milton L.
Saas, Robert H.
Sanford, Howard E.
Schafer, Charles V.
Scheuerman, William P., Jr.
Schnepf, Ralph L.
Schafer, George J.
Smith, Hubert D.
Smith, Joseph L.
Snider, Richard G.
Stanford, David E.
Stockman, Charles L.
Stout, George W.
Straight, Verl H.
Sussman, Larvan C.
Szabo, Joseph
Tippens, Clark B., Jr.
Tobin, Joseph
Treater, Patsy A.
Waldmann, Hermann A.
Walker, Stanley M., Jr.
Warner, William H.
Wiley, James R.
Williams, Early J.
Womble, Samuel L.
Yastremski, Peter P.

PRIVATE, FIRST CLASS:
Anderson, Roy J.
Augusta, John J.
Buffalino, Sylvio F.
Burks, Ester E.
Childress, Horace L.
Collier, James R.
Collins, Herschel R.
Dove, Louis H.
Freeman, Benjamin R.
Clevaris, William J.
Gray, Robert L.
Harper, Ralph E.
Hartline, James L.
Harwood, James C.
Holcomb, Sennett G.
Hughes, Thomas J.
Johnson, Thomas E.
Kelley, James R.
Kennedy, Jack D.
Kerlin, Martin E.
Livingston, Adison H.
Lopez, Raymond F.
Lacedo, Joseph A.
Martinez, Oscar
McBere, Donald L.
Meenan, Patrick
Mintie, Stuart L.
Moore, Jack H.
Peet, H. (only) C.
Perla, Settimio A.
Rolph, John F. Jr.
Rothenberg, Hyman
Rowe, Marion A.
Szymusiak, Leonard J.
Wells, Carlin E.

PRIVATE:
Anthony, Clifford B.
Archer, Lanceford
Arnott, John
Atherton, Clyde L.
Bass, Edwin C.
Beattey, Ralph H.
Bebeau, Leopold H.
Bierkert, Donald E.
Blake, Alvin C.
Blake, Wallace A. Jr.
Brechbieb, Charles R.
Brown, Elmer F.
Camp, James W.
Carroll, Durward W.
Collins, Edward J.
Crothers, Kenneth T.
Crimp, James S.
Cunio, Joseph F. Jr.
Darby, Charles F.
Derleth, Arthur J.
Doares, Gordon F.
Drum, Richard A. Jr.
Dunbar, Richard T.
Duren, Roy M.
Elder, Delphinus R.
Egge, Charles J.
Faltenbacher, Edward J. Jr.
Flaherty, George
Forbes, Robert A.
Fortson, Joe E.
Fouz, Hilton
Frew, Earl R.
Gage, Harold J.
Gobeille, James D. Jr.
Goldman, Joseph C.
Goodbar, Harold V.
Gosso, Joseph L.
Gross, Kenneth S.
Holman, Melburn E.
Hunt, Freed E.
Hyatt, William H.
Hyson, Joseph R.
Jakubowski, Melvin
Johnson, Harold S.
Jones, Joe C.
Kaminski, Edward W.
Kiesler, Nicholas C. Jr.
Krafft, John C.
Lantrip, Carlos C.
Lebow, Robert L.
Leitord, James D.
Luni, Benjamin
Mac Isaac, John A.
Maggio, Oscar R.
Martin, John A.
Miller, Frank E. Jr.
Miller, Ralph R. Jr.
Moore, Earl L.
Moran, Joseph T.
Nobray, Thomas D.
Ruiss, Alfred H.
Neff, Herbert K.
Nelson, Leroy
Novotny, Anthony R.
Orton, Jazz
Patsour, Anthony L.
Patterson, Robert L.
Perez, Miguel
Rico, Henry E.
Raya, Albert P.
Richards, John I.
Rose, Edward C.
Sanders, Harold W.
Savano, Vincent
Shadbolt, Harold E.
Simpson, Robert
Sirman, John M.
Smith, Benedict G.
Smith, Carol C.
Smith, Joseph M.
Soetaert, Charles J.
Spratt, Robert M.
Stickney, Carson S.
Stinnett, Claborine H.
Streitmatter, Richard R.
Stulginskiis, John A.
Suggs, Arthur C.
Thompson, Walter P.
Wilson, Richard R.
Woodell, Carl W.
Worten, Jesse J. Jr.
Wright, Earl W.
May 20, 1943 marked the beginning of operations for the 42nd after representatives were made for the original men who went down on July 18, 1942 and ceased operations February 7, 1943.

TIDE USED: Greenwich Civil Time
20 May 1943

Ship #338, Lt. Schmidt
Ship #425, Lt. Phillips
Ship #219, Lt. Sands, Mission: Ferry
Ship #075, Lt. Cason, These ships took off from Kualoa at 1600 for Kahului (APO) 964 to operate from 431st Bomb Sq. Kualoa runway closed as of this date until further orders.

21 May 1943

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y" Sector 330-330
Contacts: None., Landed 0350.

22 May 1943

Ship #219, Lt. Cason, T. O. 1855. Out 700 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y" Sector 337-345
Contacts: None., Landed 0230.

23 May 1943

Ship #075, Lt. Cason to Kualoa, 0835. (Kualoa Runway opened)
Ship #219, Lt. Sands to Kualoa 0500 (for traffic this date.)
Ship #038, Lt. Schmidt to Kualoa.
Ship #145, Lt. Phillips to Kualoa.

24 May 1943

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

25 May 1943

Sector 307-3315. Out 740 N. M.
Ship #214, Lt. Donay, T. O. 1640. Landed 0200
Sector 322-3530. Out 740 N. M.
Sector 315-322.5. Out 700 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

26 May 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Gall, 2230. Landed 0246.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings at Kualoa, Hickam, Wheeler and Mokulesia.)
26 May Cont'd.

Target: Nu'uanu "S".

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27 May 1943

Sector: 205-200-13 Out 608 N. M.
Sector: 305-310-13 Out 775 N. M.
Sector: 300-310-13 Out 750 N. M.
Mission: Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

Ship: 185, Lt. Denny, T.O. 1800.
Distance: 600 N. M.
Result: Lt. Phillips with airplane and crew reported missing (by Bomber Command) at approximately 0430. Lt. Denny reached Palmyra. No further reports on mission received this date.

28 May 1943

Ship: 883, Lt. Scholair,
T.O. 1800.
Mission: Training (Practice Bombing).
Weather over target was cloudy. Made 4 runs; 2 dry, 2 single, 1 in train. Left Oahu 1820. Arrived range 1940. Left range 2110. Arrived Oahu 2250. No Pictures.
LANDED: 2155.
Sector: 315°222.5° Out 760 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

29 May 1943

Sector: 322°-330° Out 750 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

30 May 1943

Sector: 202°-210° Out 602 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

Sector: 210°-218° Out 585 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: At 20°40′-185°49′ the crew saw an object partially submerged, which looked like a floating ration box-type usually carried in aircraft. The plane circled the spot for fifteen (15) minutes, but the pilot could not be sure as to the identity of the object. The object appeared to be yellow like the life rafts and the Nest's (Life Preservers). Approximately fifty (50) miles out at bearing 210°(T) off Barters Point, the crew saw a quantity of floating debris, all yellow in color. Debris consisted of many rectangular shaped boxes or packages. A number of large fish were also observed in the vicinity.

Sector: 195°-204° Out 600 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

31 May 1943

Sector: 330°-337° Out 730 N. M.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: At 0255, Island sighted by aircraft 114° (378°), at which time course of aircraft was 185°(T). At this time navigator ceased to navigate by instruments and took up piloting. Continuing on this approximate course, the periscope of a SS was sighted by the bombardier through the right waist window. He called the Assistant Engineer and picked up head phones to call the Pilot. The Assistant Engineer saw the periscope and about two to three feet of the Conning Tower. The Pilot made a turn, after which the SS was not seen again. Due to lack of movement, the course or speed of the SS.
could not be determined. The altitude was 1200 feet and the 
location of the SS was 17 miles off Kamehameha Point on a true 
bearing of 204°. Visibility toward SS was poor and seas were choppy. 
Crew did not radio in due to proximity to shore and also 
because after the turn to circle, a naval patrol boat was 
observed in the immediate vicinity.

Ship #214, Lt. Scholar, 
Ship #110, Lt. Storm, 
T. 0, 1805.

Mission: Training (Simulated attack on naval force) 
Contacts: Had rendezvous with six (6) AC, two (2) flights 
(B-24's) at Hilo Head at 9300, altitude 1300 feet. Climbed 
to 10000 feet directly on course 142 degrees (T). Enemy 
formation—one (1) CV (Aircraft Carrier), one (CA) (Heavy 
Cruiser), six (6) DD (Destroyers) sighted at 1500. AC course 
250° with enemy bearing 40° (T), distance 98 miles, speed 
approximately 20 knots. Aircraft approached approximately 
225° speed.10000 feet indicated, altitude 10000 feet indicated. One bomb run at 10000 feet. Simulated 
bombs dropped in train. No direct hits. Several near hits. 
No AA. Formation broke up over Pearl Harbor. Several near 
hits. Minor damage. 
Landed: #214 at 1434. #110 at 1951.

1 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Schmidt, 
Ship #110, Lt. Saxon, Bombardier Howell, 
Ship #215, Lt. Smith, Bombardier Kangas, 
Mission: Training (Practice Bombing) (C-103)
Target: Mihau "W". 
T. 0.: 1835.
Contacts: No photos taken. 
Landed: 2155.

2 June 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Boyd, (New training crew) T.0. 1600. 
Sectors: 318.5°540° Out 600 N. M. 
Ship #235, Lt. Schmidt, T.0. 1602. 
Sectors: 340°307° Out 235 N. M. 
Ship #214, Lt. Saxon, T.0. 2219. 347.5°355° Out 600 N. M. 
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "W" 
Contacts: None. 3-500# bombs salvaged from #214 to maintain 
Flying Speed. 
Landed: #216 at 0208. #235 at 0155. #214 at 0205.

Ship #073 Lt. Scholar, Ship #676, Lt. Smith, Ship #110, 
Lt. Storm, 
T. 0. 0555.
Mission: Photo. 
Landed: 0900.
3 June 1943

Ship #216, Lt. Gall
T.O. 2256.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing, Mihau "n") (6-1000#)
Contacts: Six (6) runs, six (6) single releases.
Landed: 0500.

Ship #073, Lt. Casam
T.O. From Kualoa 1640. From Hilo 0230.
Mission: Supplies.
Landed: At Hilo 1915. At Kualoa 0415.

Ship #676, Lt. Smith
T.O. 0205.
Mission: Training (Transition).
Landed: 0317.

4 June 1943

Sector: 330° 53' 45" Out 780 N. E.
Sector: 222° 57' 42" Out 740 N. E.
Sector: 312° 32' 15" Out 780 N. E.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "y".
Contacts: None.

Ship #288, Lt. Schmidt
Ship #110, Lt. Gall.
T.O. 2500 (6-1000#).
Mission: Training (Practice bombing, Mihau "n")
Landed: 0200.

5 June 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Boyd.
Ship #2073, Lt. Schollar.
T.O. 1850.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing Mihau "y") (6-1000#)
Contacts: 6 releases, 4 single 1 (2 bombs in train)
Landed: #676 at 2134. #073 at 2140. #288 at 2154.

Ship #983, Lt. Schmidt, C.P. Lt. Thompson, L.E.
T.O. 0009.
Mission: Training (Transition landings)
Result: Took Lt. Boyd and crew to Hickam to pick up new ship #689.
Landed: 0250.

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5 June Cont'd.

Ship #676, Lt. Boyd,
a new ship just assigned. Ferried from Hickam, Landed 0205.

Ship #676, Lt. Smith,
Ship #678, Lt. Schieler,
T.O. 0544.
Mission: Training (Photo Mission—Mihaui)
Results: First run at 8000 feet, #676 dropped on flare, camera in #676 did not react. Camera in #673 clicked but negative did not come out. Second run 8000 feet. #676 dropped one flare. Camera in #676 did not react. Camera in #673 tripped—w/resulting photo. Third run 12000 feet. #673 dropped two (2) single flares. Camera did not react on either flare.

5 June 1943

Ship #673, Lt. Dassy, T.O. 2900, Landed 0135.
Ship #672, Lt. Schmidt, T.O. 2304, Landed 0221.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing, Mihaui "W")
Results: #216 3 dry runs, no releases. Bomb release hung.
#676 6 runs, 6 single releases. #673 same as #672.

Sector: 316.5230'E, Out 770 N. W. 300 rounds ammo, expended for practice purposes.
Ship #675, Lt. Bell, T.O. 1500. Landed 0300.
Sector: 305.312.61, Out 570 N. W. 300 rounds ammo, expended for practice purposes.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "W".
Contacts: None.

Ship #42-40213, Lieutenant Russell A. Phillips and crew were officially dropped from the roll this date. They were lost in action on May 27, 1943.

THE ROLL CALL

Pilot—First Lieutenant Russell A. Phillips,
Co-Pilot—First Lieutenant Charles H. Supershaw,
Navigator—First Lieutenant Robert H. Mitchell,
Contradist First Lieutenant Lou S. Zamparini,

Engineer—Corporal Michael J. Walsh, 52056772. No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative: Mother; Mary Walsh, 440 Putman St., Scranton Pennsylvania. Date of enlistment: April 11, 1942. Completed one (1) year, one (1) month and nineteen (19) days.
6 June Cont'D.
Assistant Enr. John -- Staff Sergeant Jay S. Hansen, 18045149.
No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative: Mother,
Eileen Hansen, Posteallo, Idaho. Sol Hansen, Father, same
address as mother. Enlisted January 7, 1942. Completed
one (1) year, four (4) months and twenty-three (23) days.

Radio Operator--Staff Sergeant Frank (M) Glassman,
36323666. No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative:
Mother, Sadie Glassman, 5011 W. 40th Avenue, Chicago,
Illinois. Brother, Max Glassman, same address as mother.
Inducted April 5, 1942. Completed one (1) year, one (1)
month, and twenty-four (24) days.

Assistant Radio Operator--Private Leslie A. Dene, 17056666.
No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative: Father,
Albert Johnson Dene, 401 W. Baldwin, Kansas. Mother,
Hable Elizabeth Dene, same address as father. Enlisted
April 7, 1942. Completed one (1) year, one (1) month, and
twenty-three (23) days.

No widow or dependent children. Nearest relative: Mother,
Mary Anna Lee, 16 South Lake St., Madison, Wisconsin. Sister,
Debbie Robinson, 1570 Williamson Street, Madison, Wisconsin.
Father, David Anderson, same address as sister.

Armorer--Sergeant Francis P. McKenana, 15106716. Nearest
relative: Father, Peter McKenana, 6005 Jay Avenue, Cleveland,
Ohio. Aunt, Alice Crotty, 26 Hancock Place, New York City,
New York. Enlisted March 19, 1942. Completed one (1) year,
two (2) months and eleven (11) days.

7 June 1943
Ship #410, Lt. Storm, Bombardier-Tyrell.
Ship #462, Lt. Schier, Bombardier-Gutz.
Ship #576, Lt. Smith, Bombardier-Papenias.
Task 0526.
Mission: Photo. (Training)
Run to: Niihau & Kauai.
Altitude: 3000 to 10000 feet.
Landed: 0650.

Ship #073, Lt. Deasy, T.C. 1926. Landed 2113.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings).

Ship #676, Lt. Smith,
T.C. 1926.
Mission: A.F. C. E. Check.
Landed: 2055.
8 June 1945

Sector: 52.5°320° Out 700 N. I.
Sector: 320°327° Out 750 N. I.
Sector 305°312.5° Out 750 E. N.
Mission: See Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam)
Results: Flew on south and west legs. Out thirty-five miles.

Mission: Ferry (To Bellows Field for repairs)
Landed: At Bellows 1003.

Ship #889, Lt. Scholar, T.O. 1940.
Mission: Test Flight.
Results: Landed at Bellows to pick-up Lt. Boyd & crew.
Landed: at Hualoa 2100.

9 June 1945

Ship #838, Lt. Storm, T.O. 920.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam)
Results: Flew on south and west legs. Out forty (40) miles.
Landed: 2115.

Ship #676, Lt. Smith, T.O. 2227.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam)
Results: Flew on south and west legs. Out forty (40) miles.
Landed: 0127.

Mission: Training (Practice bombing—Kaholawe. 10-1000)
Landed: 0140.

Mission: Flight to Hickam to pick up cameras.
Landed: At home 0211.

Mission: See Search, Standard "Y".
Sector 315°322° Out 950 N. N.
Contacts: None.

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10 June 1943


Mission: Sea Search, Standard "y", Sector 312-322, 5°
Out 750 N.W.

Contacts: None.
Landed: 0300.

Sea Search to Johnston Island Cancelled.

T.O. 699 to H.A.D. for modification.

C38, Lt. Scholar, G73, Lt. Storm, G76, Lt. Smith,
T.C. 0926.

Mission: Photo (Parking Sands)
Landed: 0722.

11 June 1943

Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1569.

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "y", Sector 312, 5°, 320°
Out 750 N.W.

Contacts: None.
Landed: 0600.

G38, Lt. Schmidt,
T.O. 1560.

Mission: Sea Search to Johnston Island, Sector 242-247, 4°

Contacts: None.

Landed: At Johnston Island, 2200.


Mission: Training (Bombing - Hankow) 10-100°
Landed: 2115.

G145, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 2246.

Mission: Training (Transition Landings)
Landed: 0015.

G76, Lt. Storm,
T.O. 2258.

Mission: Training (Transition Landings)
Landed: 0215.

12 June 1943

C38, Lt. Schmidt,
T.O. 1206.

Mission: Sea Search from Johnston Island.
Sector on Guam 247-281°
Landed: At Eualoa 1655.
12 June Cont'd.

Sector 347, 355° Out 700 M. L.
#107, Lt. Deasy, T.C. 1549. Landed 0200.
Sector 247, 257° Out 750 M. L.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y".
Contacts: None.

#283, Lt. Smith,
T.C. 0050.
Mission: Test Flight.
Landed: 0147.

#276, Capt. Cooper,
T.C. 0528.
Mission: Training (Photo--Marking Sands)
Landed: 0740.

13 June 1943

#276, Lt. Stay,
T.C. 1610.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing--Kahoolawe).
Landed: 2047.

Lt. Stay & crew; and Lt. Hall & crew attached to 26th on W75.

Ship: #983, Lt. Carey, C.F. Thompson, L.E.
T.C. 2318.
Mission: Training (Transition Landings).
Landed: 0230.

#276, Lt. Smith,
T.C. 0243.
Mission: Test Flight.
Landed: 0425.

14 June 1943

#143, Lt. Schaler, T.C. 1728.
#075, Lt. Storr, T.C. 1727.
Mission: Special (To Canton).
Landed: At Canton 0400.

#216, Lt. Smith,
Attempted to take-off at 0758.
Results: The ship a P-24D type airplanen No. 42-40216, piloted by First Lieutenant George W. Smith A/R 3474301 was the third ship in the three ship formation taking off on special mission. The first two ships cleared the runway and were circling the field in the traffic pattern. #216 was over half way down the take-off strip. The weight had been lifted from the nose wheel and from the apparent speed and distance was almost in flight when suddenly the plane dropped forward at which time the nose wheel collapsed.

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14 June Cont'd.
There was no decrease in R.P.M. and manifold pressure setting. From this point the plane slid on its nose, with the landing gear fully operative, in the direction of take-off veering off to the right of metal landing strip. At a point 500 ft. from where the nose wheel collapsed. The plane continued sliding on its nose, and landing gear, finally breaking down the fence on the east boundary of the field, coming to rest with its landing gear in a small ditch and the nose extending onto the highway 4 to 5 feet.

The crash trucks and ambulance arrived at the plane by the time it stopped sliding. No.'s 1, 2 & 3 engines were on fire. The fires were immediately extinguished by the fire truck. The propeller from no. 2 engine was lying under the right wing. The propellers from engines 1 and 2 were buried 20 and 40 yards respectively across the road and into the Base Officers Housing Area. The engine nose sections of 1, 2 & 3 engines were completely torn from the engines were completely torn from the engines. No. 1 engine prop remained intact and was still running after the fire was extinguished in No.'s 1 & 2 engines. The tips of no. 4 prop were bent back about 2 inches. All the crew members and passengers were immediately taken to the dispensary for examination.

Crew, Passengers and Injuries Sustained

Kesp. Smith--Fractured wrist.
Harrison--Mild contusion of right hand.

Passengers:
Rothenberg--General body contusions.
Pamonia--Fractured arm.
Wyckoff--No Injury.
Smith, E. O.--Mild Contusion above knee.
Kefalas--No Injury.
Smith, H. B. -- Abrasion above right knee.
Pindil--Abrasion above right knee.
Pears, W. T. -- Capt.--No Injury.

16 June 1945

Ship #676, Lt. Call.
T.O. 1735.
Mission: Ferry ship to H.A.D. for modification.
Results: Dropped Lt. Dossy & crew at Wheeler to pick-up Ship #149 which had been undergoing a complete repair.
Landed: At Wheeler 1830.
12 June Cont'd:

149, Lt. Dea:
T.O. From Wheeler
Mission: Ferry--From Wheeler to Kusloa.
Landed: 2141.

Ship #211, Lt. Stay.
T.O. 0632.
Mission: Night Landings.
Landed: 0632.

(Capt. Peairs, S-2 Officer, picked up Ship #079 at 431st. A.F.)
(taken to Wheeler by skeleton crew.) (This was on the 11th)

T.O. 1530.
Landed: At Canton 0200.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm,
Ship #143, Lt. Schlar.
T.O. From Canton 2000.
Landed: At Wallis 0030.

16 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1600.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y", Sector: 339.5-346.0
Contacts: None. Out 780 N. E.
Landed: 0345.


No Missions for #073, #143 & #079.

17 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Boyd.
T.O. 1600.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y", Sector: 339.5-347.0 241
Contacts: None. Out 780 N. E.
Landed: 0316.

\---------------\ Ship #149, Lt. Deasy.
\---------------\ T.O. 0217.
\---------------\ Landed: 0235.

#073, Lt. Houchins,
T.O. From Canton at 1900.
Landed: At Funafuti 2200.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm, Ship #143, Lt. Schlar.
T.O. From Wallis 1900.
Landed: At Funafuti 2140.

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17 June 1943 Contd.

This Squadron was to perform a night photo mission on Nelli Island at which time the 99th was to bomb Tarawa and the 26th was to conduct photo reconnaissance of Jaluit.


Results: Successfully completed the photo mission.

Contacts: None. No. 1 was very slight and inaccurate.

Landed: At Funafuti 1700.

18 June 1943

Ship #075, Lt. Sturm,
Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
Ship #079, Lt. Huthins,
T.O. From Funafuti 2400.

Landed: At Wallis 0230.

Ship #214, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1535.

Mission: Sea search, standard "Y", Sector 330-337.5.

Contacts: None. Out 750 F. M.

Landed: 0230.

Ship #682, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 0030.

Landed: 0031.

19 June 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1615.

Mission: Sea search, standard "Y", Sector 335-345.

Contacts: None. Out 750 F. M.

Landed: 0421.

Ship #149, Lt. Wall,
T.O. 1710.

Mission: Ferry to Pailolo Field for modification.

Landed: At Pailolo 1725.

Ship #682, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1714.

Mission: Ferry to M.A.D. for modification.

No mission for ships at Wallis. Remained on ground.

20 June 1943

Ship #682, Lt. Deasy, C.P. O’Hara,
T.O. 1820.

Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings).

Landed: 2050.
20 June 1943 Cont'd

Ship #689, Lt. Stay.
T.O. 2544.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Field). South & West legs.
Landed: 0340.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm.
Ship #143, Lt. Scholar.
T.O. From Wallis 2300.
Landed: Canton 0330.

Ship #073, Lt. Houchins, blew out tire and remained at Wallis.

21 June 1943

Ship #689, Lt. Perry, J.P. O’Halloran,
T.O. 1548.
Mission: Training (Strange Field, Landings)
Landed: 2244.

Ship #689, Lt. Stay, C.P. Thompson, Lt. E.,
T.O. 2317.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings)
Result: Dropped Lt. Call and crew at Hickam to pick-up Ship # 155.
Landed: 0112.

Ship #155, Lt. Call,
T.O. From Hickam 2421.
Mission: Ferry.
Landed: At Kulaa 0231.

Ship #073, Lt. Houchins,
T.O. From Wallis 1900.
Landed: At Canton 2232.

Ship #143, Lt. Scholar & Ship #073, Lt. Storm remained on ground at Canton.

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Ship #689, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1328.
Landed: Back at Kulaa 0345.

Ship #143, Lt. Scholar, Ship #073, Lt. Storm, Ship #079, Lt. Houchins,
T.O. 1700.
Mission & Result: Satisfactorily completed photo mission over the following Gilbert Islands: Baru, Hukinak, Taputuola, Canton, Tamna and Avata. Color Photo of the Island of Baru was taken by Ship #143.
Landed: At Canton, 0530.
SHIP #155, Lt. Jessy,
T.O. 1910.
Missions: Sea Search, Standard "Y", Sector 334, C2342.
Contact: None. Out 700.

Ship #689, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 1800.
Landed: 2117.

SHIP #689, Lt. Thompson, R. S., Nav., Buffington,
T.O. 2315.
Missions: Training (Strange Field, Landings).
Landed: 0207.

SHIP #638, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1834.
Missions: Slow Time.
Landed: 2240.

SHIP #638, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 2340.
Missions: Training (Strange Field Landings).
Landed: 0100.

SHIP #342 (B-18), Capt. Best, 431st,

SHIP #689, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 0257.
Missions: Ferry, Lt. Gall & crew to Bellows to pick-up Ship #110, and Lt. Stay & crew to H. A. D. to pick-up Ship #983.
Landed: At Kualea 0355.

SHIP #110, Lt. GALL, in at 0433 from Bellows.
SHIP #983, Lt. Stay, in at 0504 from H. A. D.

No Missions for ships at Canton.

24 June 1943

SHIP #155, Lt. Thompson, R. S., Ex Bomb, Caston,
T.O. 1830.
Missions: Training (Bombing Niihau "W")
Landed: 2130.

SHIP #155, Lt. Gall,
T.O. 2300.
Missions: Training (Bombing Niihau "W")
Landed: At Barking Sands (0100) due to trouble with E3 engine and landing gear.
24 June 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #987, Lt. Stay, 
T.O. 0250.
Mission: To Barking Sands to pick-up Lt. Call & Crew.
Landed: At home 0615.

Ship #79, Lt. Storm,
Ship #145, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. 2300.
Mission: Search out of Canton.
Contacts: None.
Landed: At Canton 0100.

Ship #97, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1705.
Mission: Special.
Landed: At Canton 0330.

Ship #110, Lt. Derry,
T.O. 1812.
Mission: Ferry maintenance men for Ship #155, to Barking Sands.
Landed: At home 2135.

Ship #669, Lt. Sanchez, C.P. O'Hara,
T.O. 1800.
Mission: To Hickam to pick-up Lt. Sanchez enlisted crew who are at gunnery school.
Landed: at Hickam 1830.
Lt. O'Hara returned to Kualoa via truck.
Lt. Sanchez T/O from Hickam at 1830. Landed at Kualoa 2216.

Ship #668, from 26th, Wheeler, in at 2130. T.O. 2145.

Ship #838, Lt. Thompson, R.S.
T.O. 2300.
Mission: Training (Bombing Nihoa w/ formation to and from target with Ship #110.)
Landed: 0255.

Ship #110, Lt. Boyd, Bomb, Canton,
T.O. 2301.
Mission: Training (Bombing Nihoa w/ formation to and from target with Ship #838)
Landed: 0235.

Lt Call & Crew went to Kahuku, 431st, to pick-up plane to go on special mission. T.O. In Ship #746 from Kahuku at 1700.
Landed at Canton 0330.

Ship #968, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1607.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y", Sector 355°360°
Contacts: None, Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0227.

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Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.
T.O. 1810.
Mission: To ferry Lt. Deasy & crew to Barking Sands to pick-up Ship #155.
Landed: At Barking Sands 1940.

Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.
Landed: At Kuala 2113.

Ship #155, Lt. Deasy.
Landed: At Kuala 2113.

Ship #130, Lt. Thompson, R. S.
T.O. 2309.
Mission: Training (Practice bombing on Kilihau "J")
Landed: 0211.

Ship #155, Lt. Carey; Lt. L. L. Thompson, R. E.
T.O. 0032.
Mission: Ferry Lt. Deasy & crew to N.A.B. to pick-up Ship #876.
Landed: At Kuala 0145.

Ship #876, Lt. Deasy.
Landed: At Kuala 0304.

No missions for ships at Canton.

27 June 1943

Ship #838, Lt. Thompson,
T.O. 1558.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. W.
Landed: 0043.

Ship #342, Capt. Best,
Landed: 1915.

Ship #190, Lt. Storm, Ship #746, Lt. Gall, Ship #143,
Lt. Scholar.
T.O. From Canton 1900.
Landed: At Funafuti 2330.

These ships were scheduled to take off for raid on Nauru at 1200, in conjunction with the 98th, 86th, & 81st. First ship that took off cracked-up in water immediately after take-off. The next six (6) ships got safely into the air.
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but the eighth also cracked-up in the water immediately after the take-off. Four (4) ships completed mission, one (1) went on special mission to Nomuti, and the remaining ship circled the island of Funafuti until dawn, then landed. Gun-ships did not take-off. CARI 3 MAR COFFER TANKER.

28 June 1943

Ship #338, Lt. Carey, with Lt. Smith's crew,
T.O. 1547.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y". Sector: 34°53'9" N 174°
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. M.
Landed: 0250.

Ship #676, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1840.
Landed: At Kahuku 1800.
T.O. From Kahuku 1915.
Landed: At Hilo 2055.
T.O. From Hilo 2145.
Landed: At Kualoa 2208.

Ship #746, Lt. Storm; Ship #746, Lt. Gall; Ship #143, Lt. Scholar,
T.O. From Funafuti 2200.
Landed: At Canton 0230.

29 June 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Deasy, T.O. 1545 to go on sea search. The cowling on #4 engine blew off on the first take-off and cowling on #1 engine came loose. Landed at 1551. Fixed cowling, T.O. again at 1621 and found that three generators were completely out. Landed at 1658. Mission cancelled. Sector to have been searched was 34°3-35°. Call letter VLC.

Ship #676, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1810.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam) (S & W Legs)
Landed: 2050.

Ship #338, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1830.
Mission: Training (Transition in Area K-26).
Landed: 2047.

Ship #746, Lt. Thompson,
T.O. 2250.
Mission: Training (Strange Field Landings) (Kahuku, Mokuleia, Wheeler, Hickam and Bellows)
Landed: At Kualoa 0221.
22 June 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #155, Lt. Jessy,
T.O. 2229.
Mission: Ferry the ship to Bellows for modification.
Landed: At Bellows 2342.

No missions for ships at Canton.

20 June 1943

Ship #676, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1808.
Mission: Training (Transition in formation with Ship #689)
Landed: 2056.
(Area A-8)

Ship #689, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. 1810.
Mission: Training (Transition if formation with Ship #676)
Landed: 2054.
(Area A-8)

Ship #110, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1860.
Landed: 1955.

Ship #776, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 2025.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Hickam Beam, S & W legs)
Landed: 0134.

Ship #689, Lt. Carey, C.F. Thompson L. E.,
T.O. 2257.
Mission: Training (Transition Landings)
Landed: 0156.

Ship #113, Lt. Scholar, with Captain Cooper,
T.O. from Canton 1800.
With part of Lt. Storm's crew,
Landed: At Kualoa 0427.

Ship #073, Lt. Storm, with Colonel Holzapfel,
T.O. from Canton 0415.
Landed: At Palmyra 0415.

Ship #746, Lt. Gall,
T.O. from Canton 0425.
Landed: At Kahuku 0425.
He was flying a ship from the 431st.

1 July 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Storm with Colonel Holzapfel,
T.O. From Palmyra 1825.
Landed: At Hickam 0050.
T.O. From Hickam 0155.
Landed: At Kualoa 0230.

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1 July 1943 Cont'd

Ship #110, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1458.
Landed: At Kualoa 1830.

Ship #676, Lt. Carey,
T.O. 1818.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S", Alt. 8000 feet) (10-100#)
Landed: 2100.

Ship #689, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1800.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S", Alt. 8000 feet) (10-100#)
Landed: 1826.
T.O. 1845.
Landed: 2105.

Ship #983, Lt. Stay,
Landed: 0135 from Canton.

2 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.O. 1547.
Mission: See #110 Search, Standard "Y", Sector 352.5-360.5
Contacts: None. Out 730 N. W.
Landed: 0216.

Ship #676, Lt. Deasy,
T.O. 1645.
Mission: Training (Instrument to Hilo, Hawaii, Alt. 2000 feet)
Landed at Hilo 1821. T.O. From Hilo 0150.
Landed: At Kualoa 0312.

Ship #689, Lt. Carey,
T.O. 2307.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S", Alt. 8000, (10-100#)
Landed: 0125.

Ship #149, Lt. Boyd,
T.O. From Bellows 2115.
Landed: At Kualoa 2040. The ship had been at Bellows for modification.

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3 July 1942
Ship #110, Lt. Hay
T.O. 1800.
Mission: Training (Bombing Midway "M") (Alt. 8000 feet)
Land: 2120.

4 July 1942
Ship #110, Lt. Thompson, "R. S."
T.O. 1530.
Contacts: None, Out 770 M. M.
Land: 0217.

Ship #110, Lt. Casen
Mission: Transition. Landed at Kahuku 2115.

5 July 1942
Ship #676, Lt. Stay
T.O. 1815.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S", Alt. 8000 feet)
Land: At Kahuku 2345.

Ship #689, Lt. Saadi
T.O. 1825.
Mission: Training (Transition in P-26, Local landings)
Land: 1845. Plane skidded off runway, nose wheel collapsed and plane skidded to a stop on its belly. Air speed indicator was not working. The plane was brought in slightly hot and the landing mat was slippery with rain. After touching the mat, the plane traveled straight ahead for 700' to 800' before starting to skid to the right. Right landing gear, nose, and belly, right outboard wing panel, right tire and wing flaps all damaged, Nose sections and props torn from No. 3 & 4 engines. Fuselage buckled.


Ship #443, T.O. 2315. Landed at Hickam 2400.

6 July 1942
Ship #449, Lt. Gall
T.O. From Kahuku 0015.
Land: At 0024. 0035.

7 July 1942
Ship #983, Gall
T.O. 1835.
Mission: Training, 'Local.'
Land: 0022.

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7 July 1943 Cont’d.

Ship #983, Lt. Scholar,
T.C. 0022. Landed at Hickam 0050. T.C. From Hickam 0340. Landed at Kualoa 0302.


Ship #630, T.C. 0125. Landed 0144.

Ship #119, Lt. Thompson, R. S.
T.C. 0130. Landed 0157.

Ship #668, Landed at 0152 from Wheeler.

8 July 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Stay,
T.C. 1556.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. W.
Landed: 0235.

Ship #110, Lt. Storm with Capt. Cooper, T.C. 1616.
Ship #823, Lt. Gall, T.C. 1617.
Ship #838, Lt. Sands, T.C. 1618.
Ship #149, Lt. Thompson, R. S., T.C. 1619.
Mission: Special to Canton.
Landed: All Ships at Canton 0250.

Ship #171 (C-78) Landed 1827. T.C. 2020.

9 July 1943

Ship #211, Lt. Scholar,
T.C. 0000.
Mission: To Kuhio and return.
Landed: at Kualoa 0203.

Ship #143, Lt. Cary,
Picked-up ship at Hickam
Landed: at Kualoa 0243.

Ship #110, Lt. Storm, Ship #983, Lt. Gall, Ship #838, Lt. Sands,
Ship #149, Lt. Thompson, T.C. From Canton 1955. Landed at Funafuti 0010.

10 July 1943

Ship #214,
T.C. 0000. 1920.
Landed: 2152.

Ship #171 (C-78) Landed 2259. T.C. 2303.

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10 July 1943 Cont'd.

No missions for ships at Funafuti.

11 July 1943

Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y" Sector 353-360°
Contacts: None. Out 740 N. K.

Ship #688, Lt. Stay, T.G. 2315.
Mission: Training (Bombing Land "S") alt. 2000' (10-100°)
Landed: 0129.

Results: Considered as highly successful. Complete photographic reconnaissance of Lakin and Little Lakin, in spite of adverse weather with tropical front being almost over Primary Target, colored photos were obtained at established large sea plane base at the Jaluit Atoll. All four ships were over Jaluit and all but one, ship #983 were over Lakin. No casualties. One, 0-2 plane was in the air over Lakin but did not intercept. Apparently it was reconnaissance for a fire.

12 July 1943

All four (4) ships T.G. from Funafuti at 1145. Landed at Canton 1515.
Note: Ship #119 burned out expanded tubes in both brakes on landing.

Mission: Simulated bombing of task force
Landed: Ship #688 at 1900, Ship #073 at 1947.

13 July 1943

Ship #688, Lt. Stay, T.G. 1503.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y" Sector 322-330°
Contacts: None. Out 730 N. K.
Landed: 0304.

Ship #073, Lt. Cason, T.G. 1558.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y" Sector 330-337.5°
Contacts: None. Out 744 N. K.
Landed: 0305.
12 July 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #110, Lt. Swain with Capt. Cooper.
Ship #983, Lt. Gall.
Ship #338, Lt. Sands.
T.C. From Canton 1800.
Landed: At Kuala Ship #110 0420, Ship #983 0421, Ship #338 0450.

14 July 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Thompson.
T.C. From Canton 1800.
Landed: At Kuala 0327.

Ship #473, Lt. Carey.
T.C. 1750.
Landed at Kahuku 1630, T.C. 1900, Landed Hickam 1930, T.C. 0030.
Landed: At Kuala 0520.

15 July 1943

Ship #214, Lt. Carson.
T.C. 1517.
Contacts: None. Out 730 N. W.
Landed: 0310.

Ship #576, Lt. Stay.
T.C. For Hickam 1805.
Landed: At Hickam 1810.

Ship #155, Lt. Carey.
T.C. From Bellows.
Landed: At Kuala 0100.

16 July 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Stay.
T.C. 1515.
Contacts: None. Out 750 N. W.
Landed: 0250.

Ship #214, Lt. Carey.
T.C. 1700.
Mission: Training (Instrument to Hilo, Hawaii).
Landed: 0315.

Ship #983, Lt. Thompson, S. E.
T.C. 0007, Landed at Bellows 0110, T.C. From Bellows 0137.
Landed: At Kuala 0152.

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17 July 1943

Mission: Search, Standard "Y", Sector 345-352.5°
Landed: 0229.

Mission: Training (Transition)
Landed: 0120.

Ship #983, Lt. Stoner, T.O. 2255.
Mission: Training (Ground Field Landings)
Landed: 0126.

Ship #102, Lt. Call, T.O. 1740.
Mission: Training (Bombing Lanai "S", 15000')
Landed: 0140.

Ship #619, Lt. Sanders, T.O. 2214.
Mission: Training (Groundon Hickam Base, S & I Legs)
Landed: 0210.

Ship #765, Lt. Sanders, T.O. From Hickam 1815.
Landed: At Kula 0400.

Report of raid on task force 12 July
There were 12 planes in the formation (including 6 F4F-4 and 2 SBD from this squadron). The two crews from L2d were alerted and received a phone call at 1625 to be in air at 1630. They joined flight of four (4) planes from L10 at 1705 and left the rendezvous point at 1730. The two (2) CVs and five (5) DDs (Destroyers in the task force) were on course approx 45°, speed 25 knots. One bomb made over CV from altitude of 12000 feet, CV and DD made evasive action at frequent change of course. Simulated bombs dropped in train, at 1830. Damage very slight. Few near misses. AA very heavy. Enemy fighter action severe. Ship #798 used waist guns from bow and stern turrets and nose turrets. Ship #364 used waist and tail gun only. Planes made several shifts in course to avoid AA from ships. At 19000 feet two (2) formations of four (4) planes each attacked #798 twice from 8 O'clock. Single plane attacks twice at 8 O'clock, once at 10 O'clock. Severe damage to #364.

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18 July 1943

Ship #143, Lt. Starn, T.O. 1549.
Landed: 0245.


Ship #214, Lt. Storm, T.O. 2255. Ferry to HDD for modifications.

Ship #923, Lt. Thompson, R. S., Lead Ship, T.O. 1750.
Mission: Training. (Bombing Iihaau "W".)(10-1000). Formation to and from target with Ship #149.
Landed: 2117.

Mission: Training. (Bombing Iihaau "W".)(10-1000). Formation to and from target with Ship #923.
Landed: 2120.

Mission: Received call from Lt. Baker that one man was on raft just off shore from the USS. Officer's housing area, and that one man was drifting around in the water. Ship took off to drop life raft to man floating around in the water, but Lt. Baker and 3 or 4 other officers had already waded out and took the men into shore.
Landed: 0100.

Mission: Test Flight (Sily Time) also to pick-up Lt. Storm & crew at Hickam at #0100.
Landed: 0215.

Mission: Training. (Instrument on Hickam Beam. 8 & 7 legs. Out 50 miles)
Landed: 0148.

19 July 1943

Contacts: None. Out 720 k. m.
Landed: 0233.
19 July 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #338, Lt. Thompson, R. S.,
T.C. 1556.
Contacts: None, Out 790 N. km.
Landed: 0211.

Ship #285, Lt. Cason, CR. Thompson, L. E.,
T.C. 1744.
Mission: Training (Bombing Ni'ihau "W") (10-100') 12000'.
Landed: 0150.

Ship #334, Lt. Sands;
T.C. 1750.
Mission: To Hop for Radar Check. The plane and crew was sent back before it landed at Hickam.
Landed: 1930.

Ship #333, Lt. Stay,
T.C. 0515.
Mission: To go on searchlight mission attack on Ford Island and Wheeler Field. Mission was called off by 7th AF. Could not contact plane from our control tower. Was called back by Hickam tower.
Landed: 0550.

20 July 1943

Ship #143, Lt. Stone,
T.C. 1735.
Mission: Training (Bombing Ni'ihau "W") (10-100') Alt. 12000'.
Landed: 2121.

Ship #283, Lt. Cason, CR. Thompson, L. E.
T.C. 1736.
Mission: Training (Bombing Ni'ihau "W") (10-100') Alt. 12000'.
Formation to and from target with Ship #143.

Ship #336, Lt. Gall,
T.C. 1811.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Kauai Beam) Landed at Ealing Sands. Dropped two passengers and ten (10) empty 100' practice boats.
Landed: 2137.

Ship #333, Lt. Stay,
T.C. 2323.
Mission: Training (Transition-Local Landings)
Landed: 0140.
20 July 1943 Cont'd.

Ship #334, Lt. Menz, T.C. 1538.
Mission: Special, Standard "Y", Sector 536-537.5.
Complex: Job: Out 770 N.W.
Landed: 627.

21 July 1943
To Flights this date: All ships ordered, (By Noether Command), grounded.

22 July 1943
Ship #165, Lt. Stay, with Capt. Cooper, T.C. 1810;
Ship #276, Lt. Casson, with Lt. Thompson, Lt. E., T.C. 1811;
Ship #663, Lt. Thompson, R.S., T.C. 1812;
Ship #443, Lt. Schmidt, T.C. 1813;
Ship #283, Lt. Gail, T.C. 1845.
Mission: Special to Eastern Island (Wake Island).
Ship #262 was originally scheduled for the mission, but it could not be ready in time for the scheduled take-off. Ship #165 was to be used, but it developed some strange trouble. Ship #262 was then re-substituted as soon as it was ready, causing the late take-off.

23 July 1943
Ship #635, Lt. Storz, T.C. 1710.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam (HAD) for repairs.
Landed: At Hickam 1710.
Lt. Storz & skeleton crew caught the rail tourist back to Hickam.

Ship #565, Lt. Sands, T.C. 1740.
Mission: To Hickam for Radar Check. Landed at Hickam 1840.
Take-off from Hickam 0030.
Landed: At Nualoa 0115.

24 July 1943
Ship #155, Lt. Sands, T.C. 1710.
Mission: Spy Training (Instrument to Hilo; S & E Legs)
Landed: At Nualoa 0230.

25 July 1943
Received orders from Group S-5 Alerting (30 Min. alert) all ships and combat personnel. No flights this date.

Ship #342 (L-18) from Kahuku Base Operations, Capt. Best & Major Matthews Landed at 2105. Take-off 2205.

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The 11th Bombardment Group (H) of the Seventh Air Force accomplished a daylight bombardment mission consisting of two strikes on Wake Island on 24 and 26 July 1943, using B-24D airplanes.

On 24 July a striking force of 10 airplanes, 4 from the 42nd Bombardment Squadron (H), 1 attached from the 49th Bombardment Squadron (H), and 5 from the 431st Bombardment Squadron (H) took off from an advanced base at Midway Island between 1730Z and 1757Z. Two airplanes returned to base after losing formation. The remaining eight proceeded to Wake Island, attacking target from 2343Z to 0025Z. Seven airplanes returned to base, landing at 0437Z.

Wake Island, captured by the Japanese on December 24, 1941, is now a powerful Japanese air base. Approximately 1025 nautical miles west-southwest of Midway Island, it serves as an advanced central Pacific patrol base, guarding against United Nations operations directed against Jap-held positions on the Carolines, Marshalls and Gilbert Islands. In addition to its aerial facilities, Wake is capable of being developed into a submarine base.

In the first strike on 24 July 1943, eight of our airplanes dropped 25 fragmentation clusters of 6 X 20-lb. bombs and 1 X 500-lb. C.P. bombs, 4 frag clusters of 6 X 20-lb. bombs, and 4 incendiary clusters of 6 X 30 lb. bombs.

During the strike of 24 July a high overcast with light showers prevailed on takeoff. A cold front was encountered 100 miles in depth about 250 miles out from Midway with visibility zero and intense turbulence. Beyond the front weather was good, with 3/10 to 4/10 scattered cumulus at 2800'. Over the target ceiling and visibility were unlimited. On the return weather conditions were similar to those on the route out.

Opposition was first encountered on 24 July from enemy anti-aircraft as our airplanes approached Peacock Point. The enemy used medium and heavy guns and automatic weapons, which were extremely accurate and intense. A fragment found under one pilot's seat is believed to be from a 90 mm. gun. After the
first flight had made its bombing runs, our aircraft were intercepted by 20-30 Zeros and one unidentified biplane. A running fight ensued with the Zeros following our airplanes out to sea. The attacks came from above, at the center of the airplanes, from 10 and 2 o'clock above and below, in a figure eight around the formation, from 3 o'clock below, toward the engines andcockpit, and from 5, 6, 7, and 9 o'clock from above and below. The largest number of passes came from above and below from 10 and 2 o'clock. One pilot observed a total of 36 passes made at this five-airplane formation. Nine enemy fighters were destroyed, 4 probably destroyed and 3 were damaged. We lost one of our bombers, which crashed into the sea after a mid-air collision with an enemy fighter which was falling out of control (this was Lt. Cason's ship). The bomber crew continued to fire at the enemy until their ship crashed into the sea.

The mission was planned as a diversionary and nuisance bombing raid. The two raids resulted in the certain destruction in combat of 20 enemy fighters, the probable destruction of 12, and damage to 14, with the combat loss of one of our bombers. An undetermined amount of damage was done to enemy installations.

* Lt Cason * Crew
(The following detailed information concerning B-40's of the 42nd Bomb Sq (H) is taken from a Seventh Air Force narrative-pictorial account of the Wake Island mission of 24 and 25 July 1943)

Airplane No. 693, Lt. Thompson, T.C. 1730, over target 2350Z, landed at Midway 07202, struck barracks and revetment area, ten frag clusters dropped, no confirmations, one explosion noted believed ammo storage or airplane; 20 to 25 airplanes seen; one shot down, two probables, one damaged, many passes, 1900 rounds ammo expended, Zero exploded after burst two others smoking, another hit by tracer, no casualties (Lt Thompson injured in leg when 20 mm. hit), accurate intense heavy flak, - 18 photos, altitude 1700', observed Zero crash into Lt Cason's airplane and both crashed into the sea, - also observed two Zeros spin into the sea in flames after being shot down by others in the formation.

Airplane No. 993, Lt. Gall, T.C. 1734Z, target time 2349Z, landed at Midway 0745Z, target area revetments, dropped ten frag clusters, no confirmations, no results observed, saw 20 to 25 airplanes, shot down one Zero, damaged two, many passes, 2690 rounds ammo expended, saw Cason get Zeros which later crashed into Cason, too killed on board, three wounded, #2 engine shot out, hydraulic system shot out, ran off end of runway and crashed on landing, heavy accurate intense flak, photos jettisoned, good bomb run.

Airplane No. 676, Lt. Cason, T.C. 1735Z, target time unknown, crashed at sea, target area revetments, no information on bombing run or number dropped, two Zeros shot down, many passes, ammo expenditure unknown, confirmations by other crews, entire crew of eleven missing, crashed at sea and exploded, no survivors seen.

Airplane No. 110, Lt. Stay, T.C. 1730Z, target time 0004Z, landed at Midway 0725Z, target area revetment area, bombs dropped ten frag clusters, no confirmations no noted results, 20-25 airplanes seen, one shot down, many passes, 4000 rounds ammo expended, Dyer (gath pilot) confirmation, none killed or injured, small shrapnel holes in fuselage, heavy and medium intense accurate, 10 photos, 17000'. Zekes, out of control, was seen to come under Airplane 676 and crash into level rudder Assy, causing 676 to peel to left and crash into the sea, exploding.
25 July 1940

26 July 1943

Ship #073, Lt. Sands,
Landed: At Kualoa 1630.
Mission: Ferry from HAD. (Had been undergoing modifications).

Ship #214, Lt. Sands,
Landed: At Kualoa 0143.
Mission: Ferry from HAD. (Had been undergoing modifications).

Ship #110, Lt. Stay with Capt. Cooper,
Landed: At Kualoa 0328.
Mission: Just in from raid on Wake (Details of raid will be given under 30 July 1943 report).

Still on Alert. No flights today.

28 July 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1710.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for Calibration of Compass.
Landed: At Kualoa 1515.

29 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1546.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "T". Sector (Special Assigned)
Contacts: None.
Landed: 0249.

30 July 1943

The following is a newspaper clipping from the Honolulu Advertiser (Daily Newspaper) which is a fairly accurate account of the raids made on Wake Island on 26 & 28 July 1943. The operations on the first raid were carried out almost entirely by this Squadron, although there were three planes from the 431st who came in to late to be of much assistance.

( The clipping reads as follows )

RAID ON WAKE ISLAND BY U.S. DESERTERS

By Leslie Gilman

HEADQUARTERS 7TH AIR FORCE, July 30, 1943.—An unlucky gunner, S/Sgt. Karl M. Nielsen, who started on a large-scale bombing raid of Jap-held Wake Island staged last Sunday but who was stricken with acute appendicitis just before the take-off, gave another aerial gunner, one Marine Sgt. William O. Campbell, his big chance. He made the most of it.

Relating this incident today at headquarters, Col. Allian J. Hoepfner, Jr., youthful (34) task group commander of the Liberator B-24s on both recent attacks, recalled that an emergency operation was performed on Nielsen but since he couldn't continue, the fliers asked for gunnery volunteers among the Marines.

[29]
30 July 1943 Cont'd.

Refuses Substitutes

"Practically every gunner among them stepped forward," Col. Holzapfel said, "so we had to draw their names from a hat. Campbell was the winner. The others clamored to substitute for him and began making cash offers to him to take his place but he declined. One Marine captain finally offered his $1,000 spot money for his place on Lt. Richard S. Thompson's bomber, but Campbell turned that down too. He wanted a crack at the Jap." Campbell got it. During the run over the tiny mid-Pacific atoll later that day, the formation was attacked by Zeros. The [REDACTED] Marine shot down one, and confirmed two others destroyed by other bombers.

On the way out after the bombs were dropped, the Liberators were pursued by many Zeros and Lt. Thompson's plane was hit by ack-ack which damaged the wiring controlling the propellers. The pilot himself was severely wounded in the leg. 1/Sgt. Clarence T. Sopko of his crew distinguished himself by repairing the wiring while in flight, with Go-pro Pilot Lt. John B. Lowry taking over the controls, and the bomber returned safely to its base.

Another bomber piloted by Lt. Pierce L. Veith in the Sunday raid on Wake was hit but he brought the plane home from what is easily the longest over-water bombing mission on any front. Despite these difficulties, Lt. Veith brought it many hundreds of miles safely to base.

ONE BOMBER LOST

The only bomber lost was attacked some 25 miles [REDACTED] off Wake Island after it had dropped its bombs on a dispersal area along the runway and was heading home. It shot down on Zero, was attacked by another, hit the Zero and set it on fire, and the Jap plunged into the bomber's left wing. Both planes fell from a high altitude into the sea, the Liberator's guns still blazing, but observers above saw the B-24 explode as it hit the water.

Besides these, two other men were killed on the Sunday attack (there were no casualties on Tuesday). One gunner was killed, another was so seriously wounded that he died on the long voyage home. Three others were less severely wounded.

TARGETS HIT

Col. Holzapfel, who directed both operations noted that the weather on the first day was good over the target and Jap opposition was fiercer than ever before, indicating a strengthening of the defenses there, but the opposition on Tuesday was less effective because of cloudy conditions.

Shops, barracks and fuel storage areas were hit, though no fires were observed, and he thought a number of Zeros were destroyed on the runways. More enemy planes were seen than at any time previously, and 16 Zeros were destroyed in the air in both raids. This was the first time U.S. bombers had been intercepted.
30 July 1943 Cont'd.
before reaching the target, indicating that the Japs are on the alert. Anti-aircraft fire was intense and fairly accurate, he said.

What use the Japs are making of Wake Island Col. Reisapfel did not venture to say. No particular new construction was observed there, he said, nor dredging activity in the lagoon, and only a few small boats were seen. There were no warships or submarine

31 July 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1755.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for weight check.
Landed: At Kualoa 2540.

1 August 1943

Ship #645, Lt. Sands,
Landed: From Kuleana at Kualoa 0222.

Ship #149, Lt. Sands,
Missions: Ferry to Hickam for Weight Check.
Landed: At Hickam 1900. At Kualoa 2300.

Ship #835, Lt. Stay,
Mission: Ferry from Hickam to Kualoa.
Landed: 0230.

2 August 1943

Ship #507, Lt. Stay,
T.O. 1600.
Contacts: None. Cut 750 N. L.
Landed: 0230.

Ship #555, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1625.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for weight check.
Landed: At Kualoa 2315.

3 August 1943

Ship #692, & Ship #119 on 775. Did not take off.

4 August 1943

Ship #110, Lt. Sands,
T.O. 1555.
Mission: Sea Search, Standard "Y", Sector 311-318.5. 1IV.
Contacts: None. Cut 750 N. L.
Landed: 0230.

(31)
6 August 1943 Cont.

Ship #211, Lt. Stay,
T.G. 1530.
Contact: None. Out 650 N. M.
Landed: 0203.

Ship #149, Lt. Stay,
T.G. 1830.
Mission: Training (Transition, Local landings).
Landed: 2040.

5 August 1943

Ship #149, Lt. Stay,
T.G. 1740.
Mission: Training (Scouting Kahoolawe Range).
Landed: 1930.

Ship #322, Lt. Sands,
T.G. 1730.
Mission: Training (Instrument on Kilo Beach SKW Legs).
Landed: At Kauai 0214.

Ship #759, Lt. Schmidt,
Landed: 0314.
Mission: This ship belongs to the 26th. It was ferried from
Midway by Lt. Schmidt.

6 August 1943

Ship #255, Lt. Sands,
T.G. 1649.
Ship #273, Lt. Ball,
T.G. 1656.
Ship #211, Major Cooper, Lt. Stay,
T.G. 1730.
Mission: Ferry to Hickam for parade. Receipt of decorations
for Wake Raid.
Landed: At Kauai, Ship #211 2402; Ship #155 2404.
Ship #273 had the glass knocked out of the bombardier compartment
while being towed. Remained at HAD for repairs. Crew returned
on #155 and #224.

Ship #759 ferried to Wheeler. Ship #120 (a-20-A) Lt. O'Hara
landed at 0317 from Kahuku.

7 August 1943

(32)
37 7 August 1943

T.C.: 1631.
Mission: Search Field tonight.
Landed: 2012.

38 8 August 1943


39 9 August 1943

Contrary: Yema, Cat 750 L.P.
Landed: 0910.

Mission: Test Hop.
Landed: 2400.

Ship: 130 (-127-1), Lt. Stay.
T.C.: 185.
Mission: Transition, Legal.

Ship: 165, Landed 1735. Per: "Mr. Hidney (Pilot Schmitt)"
Ship: 100, T.C. 1417. Landed 1735.

10 August 1943

Ship: 316, Lt. Steal.
T.C.: 1636.
Contrary: Yema, Cat 750 L.P.
Landed: 0230.


Ship: 185, T.C. 1144. Perry to Sellows.
AUGUST 11, 1943
APNR - 838  PILOT - Lt. Geall  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1553  CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0215

AUGUST 12, 1943
APNR - 110  PILOT - Lt. Sands  MISSION - Alert
T.O. - 1615  Did not take-off
LAND - 0207

AUGUST 13, 1943
APNR - 110  PILOT - Schmalst  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1615  CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0207

AUGUST 14, 1943
APNR - 688  PILOT - Deasy  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1602  CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0147

AUGUST 15, 1943
APNR - 073  PILOT - Stay
APNR - 149  PILOT - Schmidt  MISSION - Alert
T.O. - 1511  Did not take-off
LAND - 0291

AUGUST 16, 1943
APNR - 838  PILOT - Stay  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1611  CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0231

APNR - 110  PILOT - Sands  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1606  CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0130

AUGUST 17, 1943
APNR. 688  PILOT - Schmidt  MISSION - Alert
T.O. - 1578  Did not take-off
LAND - 0130
AUGUST 18, 1943
APNR - 838
T.O. - 1540
LAND - 0217
PILOT - Schmidt
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 19, 1943
APNR - 688
T.O. - 1556
LAND - 0248
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 20, 1943
APNR - 073
T.O. - 1552
LAND - 0222
PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 838
PILOT - Stay
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 21, 1943
APNR - 214
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0325
PILOT - Stay
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 22, 1943
APNR - 838
T.O. - 1555
LAND - 2132
PILOT - Schmidt
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 23, 1943
APNR - 838
T.O. - 1610
LAND - 0255
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1750
LAND - 2237
PILOT - Stay
MISSION Spec. Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 073
T.O. - 1758
LAND - 2329
PILOT - Sands
MISSION Spec. Search
CONTACTS - None
AUGUST 24, 1943
APNR - 073
T.O. - 1550
LAND - 2314
PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 25, 1943
APNR - 838
T.O. - 1550
LAND - 0123
PILOT - Max
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

AUGUST 26, 1943
APNR - 214
T.O. - None
LAND -
PILOT - Stay
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 27, 1943
APNR - 214
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 28, 1943
APNR - 214
PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

AUGUST 29, 1943
APNR - 214
APNR - 688
PILOT - Schmidt
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off
PILOT - Stay

AUGUST 30, 1943
APNR - 214
APNR - 688
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off
PILOT - Sands

AUGUST 31, 1943
APNR - 110
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0213
PILOT - Stay
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None
SEPTEMBER 1, 1943
APNR - 149
T.O. - 1556
LAND - 0227
PILOT - Storm
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

SEPTEMBER 2, 1943
APNR - 688
T.O. - Did not take off
APNR - 110
T.O. - Did not take off
PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Alert

SEPTEMBER 3, 1943
APNR - 688
T.O. - 1557
LAND - 0250
PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

SEPTEMBER 4, 1943
APNR - 838
APNR - 110
PILOT - Schmidt
MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Storm
Did not take off

SEPTEMBER 5, 1943
APNR - 688
T.O. - 1603
LAND - 0251
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 149
APNR - 214
PILOT - Stay
MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Storm
Did not take off

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1555
LAND - 0200
APNR - 838
APNR - 149
PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Alert
PILOT - Stay
Did not take off
SEPTEMBER 6, 1943

APNR - 828  PILOT - Stay  MISSION - Alert
APNR - 149  PILOT - Sands  Did not take-off
APNR - 688  PILOT - Scholar

SEPTEMBER 7, 1943

APNR - 688  PILOT - Stay  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1252  LAND - 0243  CONTACTS - None

APNR - 814  PILOT - Schmidt  MISSION - Alert
APNR - 110  PILOT - Storm  Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 8, 1943

APNR - 828  PILOT - Storm  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1554  LAND - 0228  CONTACTS - None

SEPTEMBER 9, 1943

APNR - 149  PILOT - Sands  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1601  LAND - 0115  CONTACTS - None

APNR - 155  PILOT - Scholar  MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 10, 1943

APNR - 110  PILOT - Scholar  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1602  LAND - 0224  CONTACTS - None

APNR - 828  PILOT - Schmidt  MISSION - Alert
APNR - 688  PILOT - Storm  Did not take-off
SEPTEMBER 11, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0251
PILOT - Schmidt
MISSION - Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 149
APNR - 688
PILOT - Sainie
PILOT - Stay
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 12, 1943

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1553
LAND - 0255
PILOT - Stay
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 149
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

SEPTEMBER 13, 1943

APNR - 688
APNR - 838
APNR - 149
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off
PILOT - Schmidt

SEPTEMBER 14, 1943

(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

SEPTEMBER 15, 1943

Six Airplanes of this Squadron took off for Canton on
Special Mission.

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SEPTEMBER 16, 1943

(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

SEPTEMBER 17, 1943

THE following airplanes on special mission took off from Canton, landing at Pauwufu.

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SEPTEMBER 18, 1943

THE following six airplanes took off from Pauwufu and carried out bombing mission over Betio Island of the Tarawa atoll. An account of the raid is given on the following page.

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SEPTEMBER 19, 1943

THE following four airplanes took off from Pauwufu and carried out a second bombing mission over Betio Island. An account of the raid is given on the following page.

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SEPTEMBER 20, 1943

THE following six airplanes took off from Funafuti and landed at Canton.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

The following six airplanes took off from Canton and returned to Funafuti. Airplanes 148 landed at Palmyra.

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The following is a copy of the 3-2 report made of the crash reported which involved an A-20 airplane piloted by F/O John R. Van Horn. F/O Van Horn lost his life in this accident.

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TARAWA STRIKE
(Betio Island)

The 42nd Bomb Sq (H) carried out two strikes against Betio Island of the Tarawa Atoll, on which there are extensive Jap installations. No losses were suffered during the bombings, which took place on 13 September 43, and 13-20 September 43.

FIRST STRIKE

Six A/Ps of this squadron took off from Funafuti during 0940Z to 0958Z 13 September 43, piloted by Captain Scholar, Lt Schmidt, Lt Sands, Captain Deasy, Captain Storm and Lt Stay. A/C Numbers 155, 333, 149, 214, 110, 638. Captain Scholar and Captain Deasy were flight commanders, with Major Cooper as squadron commander. Each airplane carried 30 frag bombs made up of 5 x 20 pound clusters. Fuse settings were instantaneous.

Of the 180 total bomb load, 102 were directed toward the target, with 86 hits. There were 16 misses due to bomb rack malfunctions. Seventy were jettisoned and eight returned to base. One airplane, 214, did not reach the target. Airplanes flew to the target in V formation, however, bombed singly.

It is believed that 96 frag bombs hit the target, which consisted of an area 2000' by 800' covering the runway and the section immediately south of the runways. Several bombs not being shown as hitting the target may have hit another area, causing some damage not determined. Fire and heavy dark smoke was observed on the left center of the target after the bombing run. In addition, there was a large flash, source not noted, on the northwest point of the Betio Island.

In all instances, AA opened up as the airplanes started their bombing runs. The bulk of the AA was medium, with some heavy, low and trailing. One Zeke mad two passes from 3 and 5 o'clock, but there was no damage. No ammunition was expended. All airplanes returned safely to their bases.

This mission was classed as fairly successful, and had not the bean bomb rack malfunctions it would no doubt have been highly successful.
SECOND STRIKE

Four airplanes of this squadron left Funafuti 12-20- September 43, during 1910Z to 1917Z. Pilots were Captain Scholer, Lt Schmidt, Lt Wands, Lt Deasy. Major Cooper was flight commander. A/C numbers 155, 838, 149 and 214. The bomb load was nine 500 pound demolition, 1/10 second nose fuse: Tail fuse, 25/1000 second.

It is believed that all bombs with the exception of two hit the target. Concentration was made on the runway, airplanes on the runway and the oil dump. All bombs were released in the target area and no bombs were jettisoned.

One airplane, 838, observed fire with considerable dark smoke north of the runway and also to the west of the runway area.

Of the 36 bombs dropped, 34 hit the target or target area, and two fell into the water. There is a possibility, however, that these two bombs may have done some damage.

AA was described as medium, accurate, some trailing. The only damage to our planes was minor bullet holes in 155 and 149. There were no personnel injuries.

Between five to 10 Zekes offered interception, making approximately 35 passes from 11 to 1 o'clock. None were shot down, but there were two probable and two damaged. 2450 rounds M/G were expended. Complete photo coverage was made.

There were two planes scheduled for this mission which failed to take off when their tires burst on the ground, A/C Numbers 110 and 688.

All planes returned safely, sure that they had done considerable damage to the enemy.
just before the plane settled. Lt. Cansale was thrown clear of the plane. He was riding in the nose of the plane. Van Horn was pinned in by wreckage of the nose of the plane.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 1943**

Airplane #149 returned from special mission.

T.O. (Falmouth) 1400
T.L. (Kuala) 1400

**SEPTEMBER 23, 1943**

(No tactical missions this date)

**SEPTEMBER 24, 1943**

(No tactical missions this date)

**SEPTEMBER 25, 1943**

(No tactical missions this date)

**SEPTEMBER 26, 1943**

APNR - 110  PILOT - Storm  MISSION - Sea Search
T.O. - 1600  CONTACTS - None
LAND - 0238

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1943**

APNR - 688  PILOT - Galle  MISSION - Sea Search
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T.O. - 1605
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PILOT - Kerr
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 155
APNR - 214

PILOT - Schmidt
MISSION - Alert

PILOT - Bloch
Did not take-off

OCTOBER 4, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1610
LAND - 0208

PILOT - Bloch
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 645
APNR - 838

PILOT - Gall
MISSION - Alert

PILOT - Sands
Did not take-off

OCTOBER 5, 1943

APNR - 645
T.O. - 1601
LAND - 0031

PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 214
APNR - 838

PILOT - Storm
MISSION - Alert

PILOT - Kerr
Did not take-off

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1614
LAND - 1841 (10/6)

PILOT - Gall
MISSION - Search & Navigation mission to Johnson Isl. & return.

OCTOBER 6, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1604Z
LAND - 0132Z

PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 7, 1943

APNR - 838
T.O. - 1603
LAND - 0117

APNR - 961
APNR - 006

PILOT - Schmidt
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Alert

PILOT - Bloch
Did Not take-off
OCTOBER 8, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1603
LAND - 0112

PILOT - Kerr
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 073
APNR - 214

PILOT - Scholar
PILOT - Sands
MISSION - Alert
Did not take-off

OCTOBER 9, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1600
LAND - 0115

PILOT - Gall
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1619
LAND - 1700 (10/10)

PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Search & Navigation mission to Johnson IIs. & return

OCTOBER 10, 1943

APNR - 688
T.O. - 1602Z
LAND - 0128Z

PILOT - Bloch
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 11, 1943

APNR - 110
T.O. - 1606Z
LAND - 0130Z

PILOT - Storm
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 12, 1943

APNR - 073
T.O. - 1608Z
LAND - 0225Z

PILOT - Kerr
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 13, 1943

APNR - 155
T.O. - 1610Z
LAND - 0059Z

PILOT - Friedrich
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1807Z
LAND - 1818Z (10/15)

MISSION - Search & Navigation mission to Johnson Island & return
OCTOBER 14, 1943
APNR - 002
T.O. - 1609Z
LAND - 0128Z
PILOT - Sty
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 15, 1943
APNR - 025
T.O. - 1619Z
LAND - 0207Z
PILOT - Scholar
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 16, 1943
APNR - 688
T.O. - 1651Z
LAND - 0233Z
PILOT - Pratte
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 17, 1943
APNR - 155
T.O. - 1619Z
LAND - 0106Z
PILOT - Bloch
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

APNR - 143
T.O. - 1625Z
LAND - 1755Z (10/18)
PILOT - Kerr
MISSION - Search & Navigation Mission to Johnson Island

OCTOBER 18, 1943
APNR - 149
T.O. - 1553Z
LAND - 0109Z
PILOT - Gall
MISSION - Sea Search
CONTACTS - None

OCTOBER 19, 1943
(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

OCTOBER 20, 1943
(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)
OCTOBER 21, 1943
APNR - 002  PILOT - Stay  MISSION - Alert
APNR - 214  PILOT - Schott  Did not take-off
APNR - 143  PILOT - Pratt  MISSION - Search &
T.C. - 1632
LAND - 1/448  (10/22)
Navigation Mission to
Johnson Island &

OCTOBER 22, 1943
(NO TACTICAL MISSIONS THIS DATE)

OCTOBER 23, 1943
APNR - 002  PILOT - Kerr  MISSION - Alert
APNR - 006  PILOT - Schott  Did not take-off

OCTOBER 24, 1943
APNR - 648  PILOT - Schott  MISSION - Alert
APNR - 214  PILOT - Schott  Did not take-off
APNR - 688  PILOT - Kerr  MISSION - 4 hr. Alert
APNR - 120  PILOT - Stay  Did not take-off.
APNR - 960  PILOT - Call

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THIS MARKS THE END OF TACTICAL MISSION
ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2ND SHIRE BASED
AT KUALOA FIELD, OAHU, T.H.

The ground echelon left Pearl on the 1st of November
1943 aboard the S.S. President Tyler; DESTINATION - Funafuti.
ARRIVAL AT FUNAFUTI: November 9, 1943. The last troops
disembarked to the Island the evening of the 11th of November.
The air echelon left Oahu on the 11th of November.
The squadron of 12 airplanes landed at Palmyra on the 11th,
staying overnight. Leaving Palmyra, they arrived at Funafuti
on November 12, 1943.
Members of the advance echelon of the 42d Bomb Squadron on board the U.S.S. President Tyler arrived in the lagoon off Funafuti on 9 November 1943, and on 12 November 1943, the B-24s arrived, bringing with them the combat crews, the remainder of the ground personnel, and additional equipment. Lt. Pratt, who took off from Eula with the formation, turned back because of engine trouble, and arrived several days later. Lt Kerr, whose airplane was being repaired at HAD, arrived at Funafuti about a week later.

Things happened fast after the squadron arrived. At approximately 1230 on 15 November 1943 the sirens wailed, sending everyone to cover. Some six or eight Japanese bombers, presumably Sallies or Betty's, made several runs to drop in the vicinity of 40 bombs. The runway apparently was their primary target, but they failed to hit any of the bomb-loaded aircraft poised for the first strike against Betio Island on Tarawa Atoll. However, they did successfully bomb A/F 110 (Captain Storm's) and cause its destruction by fire. Small holes in the runway were soon repaired.

**TARAWA STRIKE**

(15 November 1943)

Nine of our airplanes, Numbers 155, 075, 214, 645, 683, 833, 860, 961, and 962, piloted by Captain Schollar, Lt Schmidt, Sands, Captain Storm, Lt's Gall, Dechert, Friedrich, and Captains Stay and Beasy, left Funafuti from 0100Z to 0111Z for a bombing strike against Betio Island on Tarawa. Eight of the airplanes carried 6x500 pound demos with instantaneous fuses and .025 tail settings, and one airplane carried 7x500 pound demos with similar fusing. The target was first observed at 0508Z from 35 miles and bombing was carried out from a distance of 15,000' indicated.

A total of 55x500 bombs were dropped for the entire formation in three different flights. Captain Schollar's formation dropped a total of 16 on the island, in train, at approximately 150' interval. Two bombs were dropped in the water, Captain Storm's flight dropped a total of 10 on the target and nine fell into the water. Captain Stay's flight dropped five out of 18 into the water; the balance falling into the Pacific.

Visual reconnaissance revealed that the north central section of the island immediately north of the main runway was heaviest hit, with probable heavy damage to the barracks area between runway and shoreline. Possible damage was done to gun
installations on the northwest point of the island. Five bombs of Captain Stay's formation hit on the southwest tip of the island.

Anti-aircraft fire, which started just prior to the bomb run, was medium, low and trailing, with some heavy level and above. There was no interception and reports as to presence of enemy aircraft on the ground conflicted. All in all, though, it appeared that Tarawa was deserted. A small amount of shipping was sighted in the lagoon.

Enemy losses were classed as unknown, and none of our airplanes were damaged or lost over the target. However, on the return trip some navigational difficulty was experienced, during which Lt. Friedrich in Airplane #645 apparently became lost and made a water landing. He and his crew are presumed lost at sea.

(Second Jap Raid)

15 November 43

Approximately 0840, Japanese bombers, 12 in number and bombing from 12,000' to 8000' came over Funafuti. During their estimated 12 runs, some 35 bombs were dropped. We suffered no personnel losses, although again one of our B-24's (A/F #698) was struck by a bomb and was completely burned. There were no bombs in the airplane.
(JALUIT STRIKE)
(15 November 1943)

Seven of our airplanes (with ten from the 431st Bomb Sg) 962 Captain Storm; 075 Lt. Sands; 888 Lt. Gall; 156 Lt. Pratte; 950 Captain Stay; 888 Lt. Schmidt, and 961 Lt. Deckert, took off from Funafuti from 0215Z to 0220Z for a bombing strike against Jabor Town on Jaluit.

Each airplane carried a 6x500 bomb load with instantaneous fuses - making a total of 42x500 pounds carried by this squadron.

The target was first sighted from 20 to 40 miles and the formation was over the target from 0300Z to 0312 at altitudes ranging from 12,000' to 13,000'. The weather over the target was very turbulent.

Captain Stay deviated from his planned run due to turbulence over the target, claiming a hit on trawler type boat and four bombs in the vicinity of other sea craft.

Reports on damage accomplished were rather meager, with many bombs hitting in the waters of the harbor and on both sides of the island. Some damage was accomplished by the island, but the amount of damage was indefinite.

The airplanes landed from 1000Z to 1100Z. Anti-aircraft fire was reported as meager, intense, moderately accurate in altitude, but inaccurate as to range, with some below. There was no interception nor were enemy aircraft other than few float types viewed.

Good photo coverage was obtained.

Captain Storm and Lt. Deckert landed at Namosa after returning from the target. On the approach to Namosa, one of Lt. Deckert's engines cut out due to gas shortage and the bomber, #961, was damaged in landing. One crew member was hurt when he jumped out, his shoulder apparently striking the antenna wire. The airplane was turned over to the 30th Bomb Group (H) for salvage, marking our fourth loss.

It has been learned now that our raids are part of a "softening up" process designed to prepare the Gilbert and Marshall Islands for the invasion operations of task force groups who are even now on their way to hit Tarawa, Makin and Apenama, with additional landings presumably scheduled for the near future.

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(62)
(MILLI STRIKE)
(17 November 1943)

Six of the 45th Bomb Squadron's B-24's left Fumafuti at times ranging from 1945Z to 2055Z on 17 November 1943, with the runway and adjacent facilities as primary targets. The formation included Lt Gall in 214, Captain Stay in 960, Lt Schmidt in 100, Captain Scholar in 962, Lt Sands in 073, and Lt Pratt in 156.

Captain Scholar was forced to return only a few minutes after taking off due to a gas tank leak, and Lt Schmidt jettisoned his bombs into the ocean and returned after experiencing engine trouble.

Bomb loads were 6x500 GP's in each airplane with instant fuses and 6 - 11 second delay in the tail. The target was sighted from 20-25 miles at approximately 0215Z (average), and bombing was carried out from 12,800' to 13,000'.

Anti-aircraft over the target was meager to moderate, some heavy, accurate as to height but leading, close. There were no casualties.

Definite hits were observed on the gun battery on the runway and barracks north of the field, and black smoke was rising from an oil dump south of the intersection of Runways A and C. A gun emplacement failed to fire after one string of bombs landed in its area. Numerous explosions were seen, but visibility at the target was not too good due to clouds.

24x500 pound bombs were dropped, most of which hit the target, or target area, and the 431st dropped 6x100 pound bombs.

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MAURU STRIKE
11-31-43

A diversionary raid was carried out against Mauru Island by our squadron on 21 November 1943, when the following airplanes left Funafuti: Lt Gail in 186, Lt Kerr in 143, Lt Dechant in 366, Captain Deasy in 214, Captain Storm in 962, Lt Sands in 073, Captain Stay in 960. Takeoff was from 2300Z to 2400Z. (The 451st Bomb Sqdn had taken off for Mauru shortly after dawn, and we were to be the second wave). Each airplane was loaded with 92500 pound demos, with .50 nose guns and 4 - 5 second delay in the tails.

Clear with a high overcast was encountered all the way out to the target, and the weather over the target was described as clear. Anti-aircraft fire began as the bombers were just starting their runs, and was described as some heavy, mostly medium, accurate as to altitude and range.

During the AA barrage a piece of shrapnel came up through the deck of Lt Weis who was navigating an Lt Gail's airplane, injured his arm seriously, and wooden splinters from the table damaged his eye. It was at first thought that the arm would require amputation, but was later believed unnecessary. 1st Lt. Thomas McSorley was injured in the back by shrapnel and 1st Lt. James Hahne was slightly injured in the leg by shrapnel. There was no fighter opposition.

Between 75 and 80 percent of the bombs plastered the target, hitting runway installations, revetments and what appeared to be anti-tank installations along the shore and across the old runway. Photos showed that the island was pitted with bomb hits. This bombing was a diversionary affair designed to keep Mauru occupied after the Navy task force including the Aircraft Carrier Independence temporarily withdrew while the carrier was repaired. It was somewhat damaged by Torpedo Bombers.

One airplane, No. 143, returned to Funafuti when 405 miles from the target, due to engine trouble. Bombs were jettisoned to lighten the airplane. This strike was classed as very successful.
25 November 1943

The 43d Heavy Bomb Sqn occupies at the present two separate portions of Funafuti Island.

The combat personnel are situated about four miles up toward the north end of the island, at which point the atoll is narrow enough to throw a stone across it.

The ground shelter is located in tents near the runway, at what is perhaps the widest point on the island, where a noticeable turn is made.

The entire island of Funafuti is dotted with elaborate foxholes, it would be more correct to call them shelters. At least two, and more generally three or more men occupy these shelters during air raids, and they've beened and sand-bagged them against the dangers of flying shrapnel or debris which might be tossed around by a bomb.

Rain water serves as wash water, and drinking and cooking water is obtained from a distilling plant which condenses salt water. It isn't too bad once you become accustomed to it.

More and more barrels and troughs are being erected in which to store rain water, for it is believed that the rainy season is just around the corner.

At least the first phase of our work is now completed, with the occupation of Tarawa, Makin and Apemana by the Task Force Groups. Our purpose was to "neutralize" these areas prior to the actual invasion, and all in all our bombings might be classed as successful to date. It won't be long now before we'll be utilizing Tarawa as an advance base for possible operations against the Marshalls, or perhaps other targets.

The last mission flown was against Nauru on 21 November 1943, when in conjunction with the 43lst the 43d dropped 500 lb. demos. Resultant pictures revealed many bomb craters and it was estimated that much damage had been done.

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The period from 26 November to 29 November was one of inactivity. One mission had been planned for that period against Nauru, but was postponed.
30 November 1943

Today, the 42d Bomb Sq was to have struck Tarawa Island, Makelap Atoll, in conjunction with other squadrons of the Group. Each airplane was to have carried 6x500 decoys, staging through Nambola.

However, a inter-tropical front descended over the area, rendering the weather unfit for flying and the mission was cancelled. Whether this is a temporary postponement, or whether the mission will be carried out tomorrow, isn’t known at this time.

There’s still plenty of activity in the squadron area. Water barrels are being opened and cleaned, sand is being scattered in muddy areas, floors are appearing in tents. The food is beginning to be a bit better, and this morning we were served fresh rolls and butter. Quite the treat!

Mail service is still a bit spotty, which is to be expected in this corner of the Pacific.

Last night, a 1/8TH size moon put in an appearance, much to our consternation, but it’ll be several days before it is of sufficient brightness.

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1 December 1943

MILLI STRIKE

Seven of our B-24’s were scheduled to hit Milli Atoll today, but troubles galore in the form of bad weather and engine trouble greatly reduced the power of the proposed strike. Airplanes originally intended for participation were: 572 piloted by Lt. Pratte, 143 by Lt. Kerr, 962 by Captain Storm, 960 by Captain Stay, 228 by Lt Schmidt, 214 by Lt. Bloch, and 968 by Lt. Schacht.

Engine trouble prevented Lt. Schmidt’s takeoff, Lt. Bloch was forced to return immediately when a drop in RPM was attributed to a dead cylinder head, and Lt. Pratte turned back after going 400 miles and becoming separated from the formation. The weather was far from good.

Carrying 6x500 lb. decoys with instantaneous nose and 1,000 tail fuses, the remaining four members of the formation continued to Milli. The target was not sighted until the planes were just over it, due to heavy cloud concentrations and squalls. The four airplanes made one run in formation, and then peeled off for individual runs. AA fire was heavy and while somewhat accurate as to height, was not accurate as to lead. No damage was sustained.
(Mille Strike - Cont)

Varying degrees of evasive action was employed, consisting mainly of loss of altitude. Bombing was carried out from 9500-10,500 feet. Captain Stay salvaged his bombs over the target, but was unable to see where they hit. Captain Storm, with whom Major Cooper was riding, went over the target and with weather too extreme for use of the bombsight, visual "bombing" was carried out. The entire load was dropped, resulting in a large fire on the island. One bomb was known to have dropped into the water. Lt Epp jettisoned his bombs.

Lt Dechert, who failed to return to Funafuti, was last seen as he made an individual run over the target. Details of his bomb run are resultantly unknown. It is presumed that he either became lost at sea, was shot down over the target, or was destroyed by six Zekes who appeared over the target. However, none of the Jap fighters appeared anxious to press home an attack, and were easily lost in the clouds.

No shipping was viewed in the harbor, and visibility was so poor as to prevent complete visual reconnaissance of the island. However, the runways did appear repaired.

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2 December 1943

There has still been no word regarding the fate of Lt Dechert and his crew, who failed to return from yesterday's Mille mission.

Word was received today that this squadron will carry out a bombing strike against Nauru 4 December 1943.

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3 December 1943

Today was spent in preparation for tomorrow's strike against Nauru. In addition to the 426d raid against the Gilbert base, six other squadrons (of the 11th and 30th Groups) will hit Mille, no doubt pressuring an early task force attack, and possibly landing, against the Marshalls.
FUNAFUTI

NAURU STRIKE - 4 DECEMBER 1943

Eight airplanes of the 424 Bomb Squadron, Capt. Scholar in 100, Lt. Sands in 072, Capt. Stay in 960, Lt. Kerr in 143, Lt. Gall in 359, Lt. Pratte in 156, Capt. Storey in 342, Lt. Schmidt in 330, struck Nauru Island on 4 December 1943. Captains Stay, Scholar, and Storey were flight commanders, and Major Cooper was deputy commander. The mission was primarily a bombing strike, but it was also desired to obtain photographs of the island and of a new fighter strip believed under construction at the north end of the island.

The bombers carried 6 x 500 GP's, with instantaneous nose and 4-5 second delay in the tail. Takeoff was at approximately 1740 GCT, and the planes were over the target at approximately 2300. The island was first seen from about 40-60 miles and bombing runs were at approximately 12,000'.

This was a successful mission, with no bombs landing in the water. Photos reveal destruction of fuel tanks, railroad areas, and other trench areas and building installations. AA fire which began at the bombing run was meager to moderate, but rather inaccurate. Only one plane, 143 piloted by Lt. Kerr, was damaged when a piece of shrapnel ripped a hole in the left stabilizer.

During the strike a smoke column, with heavy flame, soared thousands of feet into the air and was visible to the departing planes from a distance of 75 miles. This indicated a possible hit on an oil storage dump. There was no enemy interception and all planes and crews returned to Funafuti safely.
YURATURI - 9 December 1944

Airplanes 156 piloted by Lt Pratte, 214 by Lt Smith, 836 by Lt Schmidt, 673 by Lt Scopes, 960 by Captain Stay, 155 by Captain Scherer, 962 by Captain Stern, 143 by Lt Kerr, and 959 by Lt Call, plus VII Bnmen 4/7 067 piloted by Lt Col Fortlidge, took off today for a daylight bombing strike against Rikie Atoll in the Marshalls. Bomb load was 62500 GPs with 338 new and tail fuzes.

Airplanes were over the target from 0127Z to 0136Z, bombing from between 0-10,000'. There was interception on this mission, with Sgt Mills, Lt Schmidt's ball turret gunner receiving a slight injury in the calf of his left leg from a piece of AA. Aircrew bombs were used by the enemy fighters, but they caused no damage and their range was short and trailing.

For the most part, all bombs were seen to drop onto or near the target area, and returning crew members reported seeing smoke and flames from the island.
FUMAFUTI - 12 December 1944

Pushing on through extremely rough weather, Captains Stay and Storm left Fumafuti at 1803 GCT for Jaulit Atoll, where Captain Stay bombed the alternate target, Jaber Town, and Captain Storm bombed Makel.

Captain Stay, in A/P 960, took off at 1803, was over the target at 0153Z, dropping 4x1000 lb GP's with last fuselage and returned to Tarawa for refueling at 0430Z. He landed again at Fumafuti at 10:02. Bombing was done from 7000', but due to the extreme weather, visibility was practically nil. There was no interception and AA was heavy, accurate as to altitude, but bearing west.

Flying A/P 962, Captain Storm left Fumafuti at 1750Z, was over Makel Island at 0115Z, dropping 6x500 lb GP's with last fuselage in 250' train. He landed at Namena at 0605Z, returning to base at 0945Z. Results of the run were unknown, because bombs fell into cloud formations and were not again visible. AA was meager, heavy and medium, to the side and trailing. There was no interception.

FUMAFUTI - 14 December 1944

On this date, the following airplanes took off for a bomb strike against area, Malelap Atoll in the Marshalls, carrying 20x100 lb bombs:

Lt Sanders in 073, Lt Schmidt in 038, Lt Smith in 214, Lt Pratt in 156, Captain Storm in 962, Lt Kerr in 992, and

Captain Bess in 959. The airplanes staged from Fumafuti thru Namena and each airplane carried 20x100 lb bombs. Takeoff from Namena was at approximately 1800GCT, and the airplanes were over the target at approximately 0625 GCT.

Interception on this mission was fairly heavy, and they seemed to concentrate on Captain Bessy and Lt Pratt.

Lt Kerr returned from Namena due to malfunctions. Lt Smith did not reach the target due to illness of the copilot, burning back at Makel. Lt Sanders jettisoned his bombs, due to lack of malfunctions.

AA was described as meager to heavy, mostly inaccurate. It was impossible to report on visual observations, for the target was closed in to .9, and bombs went down through the clouds.

There were no losses, nor were any of our airplanes damaged.
16 December 1943

Our mess hall was destroyed by fire today, the flames first eating out the kitchen proper and then racing down through the Quonset-type building completely consuming chairs, mess tables, equipment and a hatch of photograph records.

It was the middle of the morning when Sergeant Tippens and Corporal Straight of Radar were pumping gasoline from a drum beside the mess hall (used to fill our gasoline stoves) when in some manner the gasoline struck a boiling laundry nearby, causing a sudden flare-up. Both Tippens and Straight were burned about the arms and hands, Straight badly and Tippens suffering first and second degree burns. Straight was whisked to the hospital and given an anesthetic to alleviate the pain.

The flame spread rapidly, soon igniting the wooden mess hall. Efforts to quell the blaze with foam extinguishers were hampered by the knowledge that gas stoves and gasoline drums might explode. Resultantly, fire fighters kept their distance.

The fire was raging merrily when hoses were finally brought to bear, but by then it was too late, and danger of exploding gasoline continued to keep the fire fighters away.

The onlookers and workers scattered quickly when one of the drums did spiral into the air with a flash of flame. By now the flames had reached the rounded building and was sweeping through like a blast furnace.

A Marine barracks and the Communications building were threatened, particularly the latter, but wet blankets and streams of water forestalled their ignition. The orderly room and nearby 3-2 Operations were also in line of the blaze, but were undamaged.

Gasoline stoves, boxes of rations, and practically all mess equipment was destroyed. Rations were served for dinner. For the evening meal, engineering personnel went to the 431st and the remainder to the combat area.

Group apparently won't be eating with us any more.

Breakfast will be served as usual in the same building in the morning.
It was just a few days after the destruction of the mess hall by fire that the 12A was notified that it was being moved back to Oahu. There was to be one more mission before our return, that against heavily defended Taros at Malden Island.

The mission order came during the rainy season on Funafuti, and as a result plans for packing were somewhat interfered with. Equipment became dampened and, in some cases, very wet, causing mold to form.

The ship on which the trip back was to be made was waiting for us out in the harbor, a liberty ship named the George W. Julian.

Just why we were to return was not known—the order came suddenly.

TARGA MISSION #20 December 1943.

Lt Kerr in 115, Captain Storm in 155, Lt Gell in 100, Lt perforated (450) in 007, Lt Schmidt in 250, Lt Stay in 260, Lt Sands in 075, Lt Smith in 214, and Lt Prattie in 156, staged through Manus for a strike against Taros on Malden Island.

Each airplane carried 6150 GP bombs. Interception began as the airplanes pulled away from an AI spattered bomb run, with 20 - 50 Zeke's and Hampes rising to the attack.

AI began as the airplanes neared the island, in some cases not reported as occurring until the run had started. Reports indicated that the mission was successful, with a majority of the bombs landing in or near the target area.

Lt Gell did not reach the target due to malfunction. It was on this mission that Lt Smith had two engines shot out either by AI or cannon fire, and found it necessary to make a water landing about 75 miles from Taros. Covered by other elements of the flight, he made what was described as "an excellent" water landing, from which at least four men were seen to leave the badly damaged airplane and crawl onto two parts. Captain Stay had, prior to the crash, radiated to both Banks and Lifeguard to come in, and this was later found to have reached both agencies through other intercepting mediums as well as the original call. It was later found that upon arriving at the spot, no trace was found of the survivors, and it is presumed that they were strafed by returning Jap airplanes or taken prisoner.

Several Jap interceptors were knocked off on this mission, by Sergeant Kern of Sands crew, Sgt Brauman of Lt Kerr's crew, Sgt Roth, Sgt Hall, and Sgt Zamier of Captain Stay's crew. These were all confirmed, having been seen to either
Jan 10th 1944

All sections were assigned buildings and preparations begun for regular operations. Crates of equipment are to arrive from the USA later by rail, and details for unloading, checking, and distribution have been made up.

Jan 11th 1944

Unloading from rail siding near the rock crushing mill at the west end of the runway began at about 0600 this morning, and was finished shortly after noon. The following crews, with their designated number, were attached from Hq & Hq Sq VII BG R/E for combat training with the 420. The training program was set up by our officers, with changes and additions by BC, and designed to give as much combat information to the new crews as possible, at the same time excluding material they have already received in the States which would not apply to this theater of war.

Crew 7
2 Lt James D Chambers - Pilot
2 Lt Robert C LaLiberte - CoPilot
2 Lt Alvin F Ignatowslki - Nav
2 Lt Donald D Vogoman - Bomb
S/Sgt Lawrence G Eaton - Eng
Sgt William J Rikar - Ass't E
Sgt Victor R Pissuto - Ass't E
Sgt Thomas E McGowan - Radio O
Pvt Clyde A Butler - A.G.
Sgt Joseph H. Genovesa - G

Crew 8
2 Lt James B Wagner - Pilot
2 Lt Blaine H. Kelwell - Co Pilot
2 Lt Alfred J. Herlitska - Nav
1st Lt Paul M Macmillan - Bomb
S/Sgt Edward J Rizziuto - Eng
Sgt Leo J Patterson - AE
Pvt Robert C Sheldon - Radio O
Sgt Clarence E Masseer - AG
2/Sgt Eric M Shrewsbury - AG
Sgt Harry B Reynolds - AG

Crews 2 and 3 were made up from assigned 420 combat men who have been with the organization since the replacement arrived last May and have flown strikes from the squadron's advanced base and staging areas. The personnel of these crews is as follows:
Crew #2
Lt. Jordan M. Churchill - Pilot
Lt. Frank (NMI) Angel - CoPilot
Capt. Bernard C. McFarland Jr. - Nav
2Lt. John W. Toomey - Bomb
T/Sgt. John C. Xammos - Eng
S/Sgt. Thomas R. Harrison - AE
Sgt. George H. Arnold - Radio O
S/Sgt. Clarence W. Haig - Radar & AG
S/Sgt. Don F. Morgan - AG (Trans March 12 '44 to 1126th
Bomber School APO 953)
Capt. Albert C. Warden - AG (Reassignment in States April 7/44)
S/Sgt. Arthur D. Sandy - AG
S/Sgt. Raymond P. Bryant - Arm

Crew #3
1st Lt. Charles F. Putte - Pilot
Capt. Max H. Shea - CoPilot
2Lt. Randolph H. Bell - Nav
2Lt. Richard J. Meagher - Bomb
T/Sgt. William R. Wash - Eng
S/Sgt. William C. Findle - AE
T/Sgt. John (NMI) Clawson - Radio O
Capt. Joseph R. Hyson - Radar
Sgt. Arthur T. Mallory - G
Sgt. William J. Farrell - AG

Jan 12 1944
The following crew, designated as Training Crew #23,
was attached this date from Rq & Rq VII RC,

1st Lt. John Wattick - Pilot
2Lt. Lawrence R. Robinson - Co Pilot
2Lt. Joseph W. Pritchard - Nav
2Lt. Emanuel Amatoalagisa - Bomb
T/Sgt. Romas L. Gliban - Eng
S/Sgt. David L. Janish - AE
S/Sgt. FRED. M. Pell - Eng
T/Sgt. Ralph W. Jeffries - Radio O
S/Sgt. Fredrick - Radar O
S/Sgt. Homer D. Keeler - AG
S/Sgt. Jacob D. Jacobson - AG
Jan 13th 1944

Capt Sturm, 1st Lt Call, Kerr, Leaman, Schmidt, Scott, 2 Lts Puffington, Fridrich, Kotch, Martin, Peterson, Phelan, Randle, Thrasher, Tyrell, F/O Odom, T/Sgt Amburn, Hastings, Moulton, Ogden, Price, Read, Rosenberg, Roth. Smith, Wolf, S/Sgt Bell Brannan, Conley, Jurgenseir, Miller, Shaulinski, Smith, Storts, Tanner, Mills, Sgts Allard, Gilleran and Johnson left at 0830 this morning on DS to HQ 11th Gp.

Jan 14th 1944

1st Lt Sands, Brown, 2 Lts Buycsak, Koons, T/Sgt Hotz, Isaac, S/Sgt Ford, Sgt Armyat, Cpl Bibeau, Gase left at 0730 on DS to HQ 11th Bomb Gp. The following crew, designated as Training Crew #7, was attached from HQ & HQ VII BC.

Crew #7
1st Lt Courtney T Rudin - Pilot
2Lt Hugh R Wilson - CoPilot
2Lt Carl A Willner - NAV
2Lt William K Earman - Bomb
S/Sgt Adie G Smith - Eng
Sgt Cletus E Herman - AE
S/Sgt Rudolph L Specter - Radio O
Sgt Bernard F Forkins - AG
Sgt James E Berryhill - AG
Sgt Harold V Torba - AG

Crew #10
2Lt Stanley L Opperman - Pilot
2Lt Clyde M Marker - CoPilot
2Lt Franklin (NMI) Wood - NAV
2Lt Paul F Stephens - Bomb
S/Sgt Glenn J Slusaka - Eng
Sgt Clifford E Haidet - AE
Sgt Thomas E Claswwell - AE
S/Sgt Louis (NMI) LaFere - Radio O
Sgt Sidney (NMI) Shapiro - AG
Sgt William A Maloney - AG

Jan 16th 1944

T/Sgt DeRoche, Sgts Carlson, Hesterberg, Rosenhal, Shaffer, Cpl Larmour, Smith left on DS to 7th AAF Communications, APO 953, for two weeks of radar training. Crews #7, #8, #9 and #10 left on DS for the 1124th Gunnery Sch at APO 953.
Jan 17th 1944

Major Earl J Cooper was relieved of command of the 420 Bomb Sq and left for the mainland. Capt John J Dasy, formerly pilot and Operations officer, assumed command.

Jan 18th 1944

The following crews, designated as Training Crews #4, 5, 6 and 11 were attached from Hq & Hq VII BC.

Crew #4
2 Lt Dwight J Messer - Pilot
2 Lt Kenneth L Ramsay - CoPilot
2 Lt Ervin D Wittman - Nav
2 Lt Leo W Fisher - Bomb
S/Sgt Frank J Arlich - Eng
Sgt Charles F Philpott - AE
Sgt Wayne E Standerford - AE
S/Sgt James C Mack - Radio O
Pvt James N Engel - AG
Sgt Herbert L Johnston - G

Crew #5
2 Lt Robert E Wills - Pilot
2 Lt James M Bibb - CoPilot
2 Lt William H Gillette - Nav
2 Lt David H Watkins - Bomb
S/Sgt Addison L Wargle - Eng
S/Sgt Robert J Black - Radio O
Sgt Russell E Weber - AE
Sgt Thomas E Zesmer - AE
Sgt Philip P Stiehle - AG
Sgt Donald J Gauthier - AG

Crew #6
2 Lt Ralph W Max - Pilot
2 Lt John W Mackey - CoPilot
2 Lt Carl J Anderson - Nav
2 Lt Edward C Geisslechier - Bomb
S/Sgt John G MacIntosh - Eng
Sgt John H Mayett - AE
Sgt George C Smith - AE
S/Sgt Albert (MM) Salsky - Radio O
Sgt Frank W Snook - G
Sgt Donald E Pipes - AG
Crew # 11
2 Lt Major N Messick - Pilot
2 Lt Ben E Myrick - CoPilot
2 Lt Lyndon V Collins - Nav
2 Lt Roger K Eddy - Bomb
S/Sgt William E Totsen - Eng
S/Sgt Vance (NM)Wong - AE
S/Sgt Frederick H Metcalf - Radio O
S/Sgt Robert L Burkholler - AG
S/Sgt Walter W Mason - G

1st Lt Philip H Kroh, assigned to the Squadron on September 12, 1943, took over Captain Jesse E Stay's crew and it became Training Crew #12, with Captain Stay appointed Operations Officer.

Crew #12
1st Lt Philip H Kroh - Pilot
2 Lt Benjamin R Cook - CoPilot
1st Lt Harold K Pulliam - Nav
2 Lt Lawrence E Lawson - Bomb
T/Sgt Charles (NM) Bogdon - Eng
Sgt John J Harris - AE
Sgt Lloyd H Hudman - Radio O
S/Sgt James W Blackmore - AG
S/Sgt John T Richards - AG
S/Sgt Clovis L Stephenson - A Radio O

Jan 22nd 1944

The following crew, designated as Training Crew #13, was attached from Hq & Hq VII BC.

Crew #13
F/O Donald H Murray - Pilot
2 Lt Francis G Hensel - CoPilot
2 Lt Donald J Pile - Nav-bomb
F/O Harry (NM) Ebeling - Bomb
T/Sgt Robert D Whitman - Eng
S/Sgt George D Halsey - AE
Sgt William E Robinson - AE
T/Sgt Harold E Hawkins - Radio O
Sgt Thomas L Davis AG
Sgt Samuel J Coppola - AG
23 Jan 1944

The following crew, designated as Training Crew #14, was assigned from HQ & HQ VII BC.

**Crew #14 (Assigned):**
- 2 Lt Francis (MKT) Pauls - Pilot
- 2 Lt Bernard J Bradler - CoPilot
- 2 Lt Thomas C Page - Nav
- 2 Lt Stephen J Coffey - Bomb
- T/Sgt Lloyd J Rainbolt - Eng
- S/Sgt James H John - Eng
- Sgt Harold J Kilpatrick - AE
- T/Sgt Alexander C Shinsky - Radio 0
- Sgt Richard W Martin - AG
- Sgt William B Gannon - AG ended

The first week of training on Jan 22. The final program called for each crew to complete a four week period at the 112th Gunnery School. APO 953 and ground training composed of one hour of OWS, nine hours of Communications, six hours of Radar, two hours of Ordnance, six hours of Armament, one hour of Engineering, and twenty-two hours in S-2. The latter was divided into Orientation, POP and ODF instruction. Geography I, II and III, Aircraft and Seacraft Identification, Water Safety Equipment, Water Landings, Target Foldings, Photo Interpretation, and miscellaneous subjects. Each crew was to make at least one flight per day in addition to its ground training. Training from January 17th to Jan 23 consisted of: 4 crews in Gunnery School; eight bombing missions, individual, and 1 formation bombing with 4 A/P; 3 instrument flights; 5 straight field landings totaling 23 landings; 1 hour of Communication lectures to 4 Radio 0; 15 hours of Link Trainer; 1 1/2 hours of Bomb Trainer; 5-2 training of POF & ODF; 5 crews, Water Landing to 3 crews, 2 A/P Iden to 6 crews, with informal geography discussions and reading sessions added.

24th Jan 1944

Regular training program carried out.

25th Jan 1944

The APO number for the Squadron changed from 953 to 959 with no change in geographical location. Regular training program carried out.
Jan 26th 1944

1st Lts Argel, Churchill, Pratte, 2 Lts Ball, Chalifant, Spence, T/Sgt Nashaw, O'Brien, Searce, Yankus, S/Sgt Finley, Hermanson left Squadron on DS on evacuation in connection with military activities, Ferry Mission to Wollaston, Old Flot Agiasco.
Jan 26th 1944

The following crews, designated as Training Crews 15, 16 and 17, were attached from Rq & Rq VII RC.

Crew #15
2Lt Harry W Anderson - Pilot
2Lt James W Phipps - CoPilot
2Lt Dan O Dowe - Nav
2Lt Elmer L Halsa - Bomb
Sgt Carlton F Hayes - Eng
Sgt William W Elispoulos - AE
Sgt Albert P Emilio - AE
Sgt Robert A Firpo - Radio O
Sgt William P Bemis - AG
Sgt Kenneth G Spence - AG

Crew #16 (Assigned)
2Lt Leland A Bates - Pilot
2Lt Henry K Samples - CoPilot
2Lt James J Dornellan - Nav
2Lt Paul E Headwolh - Bomb
S/Sgt Arthur J Fritz - Eng
S/Sgt Frank E Cincinello - AE
Sgt Jerome J Darwin - AE
Sgt Howard F Dalton - G
S/Sgt Anthony C Simone - Radio O
Sgt Edgar R Glass - AG

Crew #17
2Lt Warren G VanHouten - Pilot
2Lt John N Weinstock - Nav
F/O William E Ward - CoPilot
2Lt Edgar L Lockwitz - Bomb
Sgt Robert S Kroll - Eng
Sgt Robert J Fjerstad - AE
Sgt Ray C Burgess - AE
Sgt Frank H Korons - Radio O
Sgt Harley L Adams - AG
Sgt Thomas J McCaffrey - AG
Jan 28th 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Jan 29th 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Jan 30th 1944

1st Lt's Angel, Churchill, 2Lt Chalifant, T/Sgt O'Brien, Scrase, S/Sgt Hermanson returned from DS on #3 mission. Crew # 15 on DS to 1124th, Hickam Field. The following crew, designated as Crew # 18, was attached from HQ & HQ VII EC.

Crew # 18
2 Lt Edwin T Szczypinski - Pilot
2 Lt Robert F Allgeier - CoPilot
2 Lt Bernard O Wiencekowski - Nav
2 Lt Elmer T Paul - Bomb
Sgt Lester R West - Eng
Sgt Ernest J Szyladowski - AE
Sgt Carl B Swift 0 Radio 0
Sgt John W Nefy - AG
Sgt Harvey R Hitt - G
Sgt Edward R Westpahl - AG

Jan 31st 1944

S/Sgt Ellis, Sgt Freeman, Kerr, Cpl Haggard, Jones, and Keany on DS to 7th AAF Communication at Hickam Field for radio training. The training program for the week Jan 24 to January 30 included: 4 hrs at 1124th G.S.; 2 individual bombing missions; 5 formation bombing missions; 3 instrument flights; 4 strange field landings totaling eight hours; 11 hrs of radio to 11 crews, 1 hr of radio to radio operators, and 4 hrs of communications to 4 crews; 6 hrs of link trainer; 11 hrs of bomb trainer to 11 crews; 2-2 lecture of 7 hrs to 7 crews; orientation to 5 crews & water landing to 1; 6 hrs of first aid to 6 crews; 2 hrs of bomb loading to 2 crews; 9 hrs CWS to 9 crews; 7 hrs of ord to 7 crews; 5 hrs of armament to 5 crews.
Feb 1st 1944

Cpl Miguel Perez, cook, confined to guardhouse at Wheeler Field pending trial for assaulting Pfc Melvin Jakubowski last night. Weapon: bonying knife; Place: kitchen; Reason: ?; Wound: deep gash in Jakubowski's left side, from just below shoulder. Result: Jakubowski recovered in hospital, Perez sentenced to one year and DD at Wheeler Field, California.

Feb 2nd 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 3rd 1944

W/Sgt John D Weeks, photography section head, transferred in grade to 18th Replacement Wing, Salt Lake City, Utah. Weeks arrived in Pacific on Dec 7th, 1941, arriving with flight of B-27s which included former Squadron CO's Major (now Brig Gen) Truman H Landon and Lt (now Major) Earl J Cooper.

Feb 4th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 5th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 6th 1944

Crew 17 (2 Lt Warren G Van Houten, Pilot) and Crew 18 (2 Lt Edwin T Szczypinski, Pilot) to Gunnery School.

Feb 7th 1944

1st Lt Pratte, 2 Lts Hall, Spence, T/Sgt Wisnaw, Tankus, S/Sgt Findle returned to duty from DS on secret mission.

Feb 8th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 9th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 10th 1944

Usual training program carried out.
Feb 11th 1944

Radio Ops S/Sgt Black, Hawkins, Mack, Metcalf, Salsky left on DS to 7th AAF Communications.

Feb 12th 1944

1st Lt Samwal Catanzarite transferred to Hamilton Fld, California. Crews 4, 5, 6, and 11 DS to Gunnery School, His Field. Crews 7, 8, 9 and 10 returned from Gunnery School.

(Addition to notes for 6th Fe 1944: Training program for period Jan 31 to Feb 6 included 5 crews at 1124th Gunnery School; 6 individual high altitude bombing mission; 1 formation, of 2 A/F's, high alt bombing; 5 instrument flights totaling 10 hours actual inest time; in cooperation with pursuit - 1 bombing mis as escort, 1 searchlight mission as intercepters; 1 crew for 1 hour in power turret training; 18 hrs of radar to 9 crews; 14 hrs communications to 6 crews; 15 hrs of link trainer to 12 individuals; 11 hrs of geography to 5 crews; 21 hrs of A/C Identi to 10 crews; 2 hrs of Water Landings to 2 crews; 1 hr of POP to 1 crew; 11 hrs of armament to 5 crews; 10 hrs of Ord to 5 crews; 1 hr of orientation to 1 crew; 3 hrs of CWS to 3 crews; 7 hrs of first aid to 7 crews.)

Feb 13th 1944

Training program for the period Feb 7th to Feb 13 included; 7 crews at gunnery school; 2 individual high alt bombing missions; 2 formation bombing missions of 3 & 4 A/F's respectively; 1 night formation flight of 2 A/F's; 5 instrument flights of 9 hrs actual inest time; 3 radio flights to manual; 1 crew in 1 hr of power turret training; 8 hrs of communications to 8 crews; 4 hrs of radar to 4 crews; 1 hr of blinker training to 1 crew; 15 hrs of link trainer to 12 individuals; 10 hrs of bomb trainer to 10 individuals; 22 hrs of A/C Identi to 22 crews; 1 hr meeting of bombadiers; 1 hr of m/gun class to 1 crew; 4 hrs of armament to 4 crews; 4 hrs of medical lecture to 4 crews; 2 hrs of transition landings to Lt Pratte.

Feb 14th 1944

Usual training program carried out.

15th Feb 1944

Usual training program carried out.

Feb 16th 1944

Usual training program carried out.
Feb 17th 1944
Usual training program carried out.

Feb 18th 1944
Usual training program carried out.

Feb 19th 1944
Usual training program carried out.

Feb 20th 1944

Crews 13, 16 to gunnery school on BS, with crew 15 returning to squadron from BS at Gunnerly School. Two crews, designated as Training Crews #25 and #26, were placed on BS to the 112th Gunnerly School at Hickam after being attached from Hq & Hq Sq, VII BC, effective Feb 19th. The personnel of these crews is listed below:

Crew #25
1st Lt Henry A Slayton - Pilot
2 Lt Joseph P Keene - CoPilot
2 Lt Harry T Cerrito - Nav
2 Lt Chester C Doherty - Bomb
S/Sgt James H Walker - Eng
Sgt Crane & Ferguson - AS
Sgt Errol L Newbury - AS
S/Sgt Earl H Torrey - Radio O
Sgt James K Koets - G
Sgt Wayne E Neff - G

Crew #26
2 Lt Doris I White - Pilot
Y/O Harold P Taylor - CoPilot
2 Lt Alfred E Flocke - Nav
1st Lt Marcello J Rossano - Bomb
Sgt Loren J Albertsen - AS
Sgt Bertram P Friedman - AS
S/Sgt David T Riddell - Radio O
Sgt John (MM1) McSally - G
Sgt Leon I Mylne - G
Cpl Earl C Heritage - A Radio O

Feb 21st 1944

The following crews, attached from Hq & Hq Sq, VII BC, are designated as Training Crews #27, 28, 29 and 30. The crew members are:
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Standard Y Sea Searches for the week were flown by Lt. Bates, Wagner, and Redin.

Feb 22 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Feb 23rd 1944

Regular training program carried out.

Feb 24th 1944


Feb 25th 1944

The following crews, designated as Training Crews #31, 23, and 33 were attached from HQ & HQ Sq VII BG.

Crew #31 Assigned #31c 2300
Crew #32
2 Lt Earl L. Heidick - Pilot
P/O Walter E. Albitz - CoPilot
2 Lt Walter T. Houghton - Nav
2 Lt Thomas C. Thomann - Bomb
S/Sgt Richard E. Wheeler - Eng
Sgt Edward T. Curran - AE
S/Sgt Oscar J. Ebert - Radio O
Sgt Stanton K. Glasson - AG
Sgt Desmond W. Stefelien - G
Sgt Kenneth B. Baeth - G

Crew #33
1st Lt James D. Higgins - Pilot
2 Lt Lewis W. Leonberger - CoPilot
2 Lt Lloyd L. Weisinger - Nav
2 Lt Chauncey L. Walker - Bomb
S/Sgt Alex (NMI) Boyarsky - Eng
S/Sgt Howard V. Cofert - AE
S/Sgt William D. Burford - Radio O
Pvt Jules T. McKechn - AG
S/Sgt Joseph C. O'Sullivan - AG
Sgt Howard F. Dalton - G

Feb 26th 1944
Regular Training Program carried out.

Feb 27th 1944
Crew #14 DS to Gunnery School, Crews #17 & 18 return.

Feb 28th 1944

Training for the period Feb 21 to Feb 27 included:
10 hrs in Gunnery School; 12 individual bombing missions;
5 formation bombings; 3 A/P each; 1 night formation
flight of 2 A/Fs; 2 instrument flights with 2 hrs and
40 min actual inst time; 7 transitional flights for new
pilots totaling 25 landings; 4 strange field landings for
new pilots totaling 14 landings; 2 night transition flights
of 3 1/2 hrs total for new pilots; one DF mission of 3 hrs;
2 searchlight missions of 4 hrs and 10 min; 10 hrs of code
& blinker to 10 crews; 11 hrs of radar to 14 crews; 4 hrs
of communications to 4 crews; 10 hrs of link trainer to
9 individuals; 6 hrs of bomb trainer for 6 crews; 13 hrs
A/C Ident for 13 crews; 2 hrs of geog to 2 crews; 2 hrs
of photo interp to 2 crews; 4 hrs of water landings to
4 crews; 2 hrs of S/C Ident to 2 crews; 5 hrs of POF/ODP
to 5 crews; 4 hrs of Arms to 4 crews; 13 hrs and lecture
to 19 crews; 6 hrs Oil to 6 crews; 3 hrs of ONS to 3 crews; and 4 hrs of fuel transfer to 4 crews.
Standard Y Sea Searches during the week were flown by Lts. Poulos, Konig and Anderson.

Feb 29th 1944

Leap year's extra day - practically no marriages in the squadron during the past 24 hours. Training program carried out as usual.

March 1st 1944

Crew #8 relieved from attached status, left for the F/E 11th Bomb Op (H).

Mar 2nd 1944

Crews #7 and #9 relieved from attached status, left for the F/E 11th Bomb Op[3].

Mar 3rd 1944

Crews #30 and 32 DS to Gunnery School.

Mar 4th 1944

Usual Training Program carried out.

Mar 5th 1944

Capt. Deasy, 2 Lts. Ball, and 1/2 Sgt. Scarse returned from DS with 11th Gr (H) at [Blank]. Crews # 4, 5, 6, 11, 20, 28, and 29 DS to Gunnery School. Training for the period Feb 28 to March 5th included: 12 crews at Gunnery School; 6 individual bombing missions; 1 formation bombing mission; 2 instrument flights totaling 5 hrs; 4 local transition flights totaling 6 1/2 hrs; 2 strange field landing flights of 3 1/2 hrs; 1 hr of power turret to 1 crew; 17 hrs of radar to 17 crews; 7 hrs of code and blinker to 7 crews; 2 hrs of communication equip to 2 crews; 3 hrs of code books to 3 crews; 6 hrs of link to 6 indiv; 21 hrs of bomb trainer to 19 indiv; 18 hrs of A/C Idant to 18 crews; 4 hrs of goog to 4 crews; 2 hrs of water landing to 2 crews; 1 hr each of orientation, POF and photo interp to 3 crews; 9 hrs of bomb rack class to 3 crews; 2 hrs of arms and ammunition to 2 crews; 1 hr of bombs and fuses to 1 crew; 7 hrs of med lecture to 3 7